



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of Iran, addresses a summit on the Millennium Development Goals at United Nations headquarters on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

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Ahmadinejad blames capitalism for poverty

EDITH M. LEDERER

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iran's president on Tuesday predicted the defeat of capitalism and blamed global big business for the suffering of millions, but Germany's chancellor said market economies were key to lifting the world's least developed countries out of poverty. The clash of visions at the U.N. anti-poverty summit drew a line under the stark differences on easing the misery of the one billion people living on less than \$1.25 a day.

More than 140 presidents, prime ministers and kings are attending the three-day summit which started Monday to assess and spur on achievement of U.N. targets set by world leaders in 2000. The plan called for an intensive global campaign to ease poverty, disease and inequalities between rich and poor by 2015.

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A member of the crowd shows her support as recording artist Lady Gaga speaks at a rally in support of repealing the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for gay service members, in Portland, Maine, on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

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Ex-city manager among 8 arrested in Calif. Scandal

By JOHN ROGERS,
Associated Press Writer

John Rogers, Associated Press Writer — 48 mins ago
LOS ANGELES — The mayor and ex-city manager of the Los Angeles suburb of Bell were among eight current and former city officials arrested Tuesday in a corruption scandal that authorities said cost the city more than \$5 million in excessive salaries and illegal personal loans. The district attorney's office said several former and current City Council members were taken into custody along with ex-city manager Robert Rizzo and Mayor Oscar Hernandez. "This, needless to say, is corruption on steroids," District Attorney Steve Cooley said at a news conference, standing next to a display of pictures of the suspects. The district attorney, state attorney general and others have been investigating officials in the small working-class city since it was disclosed

this summer that they were paying themselves huge salaries.

Rizzo, who was making nearly \$800,000 a year, was booked on 53 counts of misappropriation of public funds and conflict of interest.

The investigations involve allegations of corruption, misuse of public funds and voter fraud in the city where one in six of the 40,000 residents live in poverty.

A message left at Rizzo's Huntington Beach home was not immediately returned.

Others arrested were former assistant city manager Angela Spaccia, Vice Mayor Teresa Jacobo, council members George Mirabal and Luis Artiga, and former council members George Cole and Victor Bello.

Former Police Chief Randy Adams, who was also scrutinized in the salary scandal, was not taken into custody.

Cooley, who knew Adams

when he was the police chief in Glendale, said there was no evidence he committed any crimes.

"Being paid excessive salaries is not a crime," Cooley said. "Illegally obtaining those salaries is a crime."

Prosecutors allege the suspects misappropriated more than \$5.5 million, including making illegal personal loans.

The complaint also said Rizzo made \$4.3 million by paying himself through different employment contracts that were not approved by the City Council, and that council members paid themselves a combined \$1.25 million for what Cooley called "phantom meetings" of various city boards and agencies.

Rizzo also was accused of giving \$1.9 million in loans to himself, Spaccia, Hernandez, Artiga and dozens of others, authorities said.

Most of the arrests went smoothly, though police used a battering ram at the home of



The City of Bell mayor Oscar Hernandez reacts to calls by residents of the city asking for his resignation during a council meeting on July 26, 2010 in Bell, California. The council members have voted to cut their salaries in response to public outcry at city officials' high salaries.

Hernandez before he opened the door.

The suspects were booked into county facilities and will be kept away from other inmates for their protection, sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

The arrests were the latest twist in a scandal that emerged in July with the disclosure that

Rizzo was paid almost twice the salary of President Barack Obama.

It also was revealed that Adams was making \$457,000 a year, and Spaccia was paid \$376,288. Four of the five City Council members paid themselves nearly \$100,000 a year for their part-time service. □



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Firefighters in Utah race to beat wildfire, winds

By JENNIFER DOBNER
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Associated Press Writers

HERRIMAN, Utah — The National Guard joined forces with firefighters again Tuesday to battle a fast-moving, wind-driven blaze that the guard ignited during a machine-gun training exercise.

Utah Army Guard Gen. Brian Tarbet said Monday he was “deeply sorry” about what he called a “systematic failure” at Camp Williams, about 30 miles south of Salt Lake City. The commander accepted responsibility for the wildfire sparked Sunday that destroyed three houses, damaged a fourth and forced the evacuation of more than 1,600 homes. Officials said Tuesday that 450 homes remained evacuated.

Tarbet said no one checked to see that the National Weather Service had posted a “red flag” high-wind warning before the machine gun exercise was permitted to continue in tinder-dry conditions in the foothills of the Oquirrh mountains. He also said guard commanders waited two hours to call outside fire agencies for help. Guard Lt. Col. Hank McIntire told reporters Tuesday that those responsible would be held accountable.

“If we need to take internal action, we certainly will,” he said. The Unified Police Department, an agency overseeing Salt Lake County,

is enforcing an evacuation order for parts of Herriman, a community of about 18,000 residents at the southwest corner of the Salt Lake valley. “We understand the frustration and how inconvenient it is to be forced from your home,” police Lt. Don Hutson said.

With high winds predicted Tuesday afternoon, seven bulldozers, five aerial tanker aircraft and four National Guard Black Hawk helicopters were supporting more than 500 firefighters and guardsmen cutting fire lines.

It is the latest example of military training activities sparking large fires at Camp Williams and other facilities. Camp Williams, founded in 1926, covers 44 square miles, or nearly twice the size of Manhattan.

Utah National Guard officials said they can usually contain any flames, but local leaders questioned the decision to fire weapons at all.

“It’s a regular occurrence with any type of training — small flare-ups we deal with,” McIntire said Monday.

The flames were ignited about 12:40 p.m. Sunday by practice rounds from a .50-caliber machine gun. Officials said a fire crew with a fire truck thought they contained the fire until winds whipped up about 1:30 p.m. Unified fire officials were called at 3:22 p.m.

“Our fire crews were on

standby, responded and corralled the fire. They got it under control, but the winds came up, and the fire spread and got beyond what we could handle ourselves,” McIntire said.

Overnight winds of more than 40 mph fanned the fire across more than 6 square miles.

When the drill got under way, the National Guard said the fire hazard was moderate. There was little wind, temperatures were below 75 degrees and humidity was 13 percent, typical for Utah’s dry climate. Fires caused by artillery shells or other weapons at military installations are not uncommon. In May 2007, a flare dropped from an F-16 on a training flight sparked a fire that burned 17,000 acres in New Jersey. Artillery practice sparked a huge wildfire in July 2009 outside Marseille, France. At Camp Williams, a fire touched off by artillery burned 500 acres in September 2006 and forced the evacuation of about 50 homes. None were destroyed. A more recent fire burned 300 acres in July. Residents and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon questioned the National Guard’s decision to hold live-fire exercises in dry conditions.

Hutson called the practice flare-up a “perfect storm” that kicked up violently with winds of 40 mph to 50 mph.

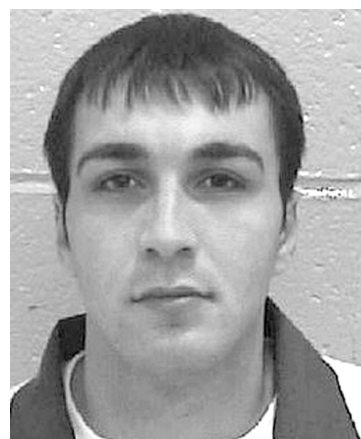


Family members walk past the smoldering remains of Val Johnson’s house after a fire swept through the hills of Herriman, Utah the night before, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010. The fire which was started at a machine gun shooting range at Utah National Guard Camp Williams caused more than 1600 homes to be evacuated.

(AP Photo/George Frey)

The fire has caused no major injuries, officials said, although two police officers were treated for smoke inhalation

and a third for minor injuries after being hit by the vehicle of a driver trying to return home. □



This undated photo released by the Georgia Department of Corrections shows inmate Brandon Rhode. The Georgia death row inmate scheduled to be executed Tuesday for the 1998 triple murders of a trucking company owner and his two children has been transferred to an outside hospital hours before he was to be put to death.

(AP Photo/Georgia Department of Corrections)

Georgia execution delayed after suicide attempt

By GREG BLUESTEIN,
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — The Georgia Supreme Court is delaying the execution of a condemned man who attempted suicide hours before he was to be put to death by injection.

The court’s order postponed the execution of Brandon Joseph Rhode to give the 31-year-old a chance to file a new challenge after his attorneys said he tried to slit his wrists. Corrections officials rescheduled it for Friday. Rhode’s attorneys say executing him would violate the Constitution’s ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Rhode was scheduled to die for the killings of a 37-year-old man and two of his children during a burglary. In March, Ohio inmate Lawrence Reynolds overdosed on an antidepressant hours before he was to be taken to the death chamber. He recovered in a hospital and was executed a week later. □

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FBI says it supplied fake bomb in Chicago plot

Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis speaks at a news conference at City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications Monday, Sept. 20, 2010 in Chicago. Federal authorities say they've arrested a 22-year-old man who allegedly placed a backpack on a crowded Chicago street corner over the weekend thinking it contained an explosive. The FBI's Chicago office says Sami Samir Hassoun is charged with one count each of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted use of an explosive device. At left is executive director of OEMC, Jose Santiago.

(AP Photo/Kiichiro Sato)

By SOPHIA TAREEN,
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO—A man arrested for allegedly placing a backpack he thought contained a bomb near Chicago's Wrigley Field got the fake explosive from an FBI undercover agent, authorities say — a tactic that has been used in other U.S. terrorism cases in recent years.

Sami Samir Hassoun, 22, a Lebanese citizen living in Chicago for about three years, was charged Monday with one count each of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted use of an explosive device.

Hassoun was arrested early Sunday after planting the fake explosive device in a trash receptacle near Sluggers World Class Sports Bar, a popular bar steps from Wrigley Field, FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert Grant said. The Cubs were not playing at their home field; the stadium hosted Dave Matthews Band concerts Friday and Saturday nights. It wouldn't be the first time FBI agents have posed as terror operatives and supplied suspects with bogus explosives. Last year, authorities arrested a Jordanian national after he allegedly attempted to detonate what he thought was a bomb outside a Dallas skyscraper. In an unrelated case, authorities in Springfield, Ill., arrested another man after he allegedly tried to set off what he thought was explosives in a van outside a federal courthouse.

In a similar case in May 2009, four men were arrested after they allegedly tried to detonate fake explosives — also provided by the FBI — outside two synagogues in New York City. In the Chicago case, the FBI said an informant tipped investigators about Hassoun nearly a year ago. Grant said Hassoun acted alone and that the undercover agents told him they were from California and unaffiliated with any group. He declined to offer specific details about Hassoun's motivations, but said he believed the agents were ready to give him money

if he carried out the attack.

"He wanted to transform the city of Chicago, he wanted to make a statement and he wanted to replace the mayor of Chicago," Grant said. "He was unhappy with the way the city was running. He was also unhappy with things that were happening in other parts of world."

At a brief hearing Monday, Hassoun quietly told U.S. Judge Susan Cox that he understood the charges. Hassoun's federally appointed public defender, Dan McLaughlin, declined to comment on the case, as did several family members who attended the hearing. A message left on an answering machine at Hassoun's home telephone number wasn't returned.

Authorities say the informant befriended Hassoun over the course of a year, conducting conversations in Arabic, which were taped and shared with the FBI. Hassoun waffled greatly on his plans, authorities said. Initially, he didn't want to cause violence, suggesting setting off smoking devices in downtown locations near City Hall, authorities said.

"No killing. There is no killing," he told the informant, according to the complaint.

But his plans became more grand, as he believed bigger acts would command public attention and embarrass the mayor, according to the complaint.

"Little by little, I'm building it up," he said, according to the complaint. "I will shake Chicago."

Prosecutors say Hassoun talked about various plots during the investigation, including plans to unleash a biological virus on Chicago and to bomb the Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower.

According to the complaint, Hassoun on one occasion told the informant he wanted to paralyze commerce in the city. Asked how he intended to carry out various suggested attacks, Hassoun responded, "You park the car, and let it go 'boom.'" □



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Republicans block bill to lift military gay ban

By ANNE FLAHERTY,
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans on Tuesday blocked legislation that would have repealed the law banning gays from serving openly in the military.

The partisan vote was a defeat for Senate Democrats and gay rights advocates, who saw the bill as their last chance before November's elections to overturn the law known as "don't ask, don't tell."

With the 56-43 vote, Democrats fell short of the 60 votes needed to advance the legislation. It also would have authorized \$726 billion in defense spending including a pay raise for troops.

Senate Democrats attached the repeal provision to the defense bill in the hopes that Republicans would hesitate to vote against legislation that included popular defense programs. But GOP legislators opposed the bill anyway, thwarting a key part of the Democrats' legislative agenda.

Now, gay rights advocates say they worry they have lost a crucial opportunity to change the law. If Democrats lose seats in the upcoming elections this fall, repealing the ban could prove even more difficult — if not impossible — next year. "The whole thing is a political train wreck," said

Richard Socarides, a former White House adviser on gay rights during the Clinton administration.

Socarides said President Barack Obama "badly miscalculated" the Pentagon's support for repeal, while Democrats made only a "token effort" to advance the bill.

"If it was a priority for the Democratic leadership, they would get a clean vote on this," he said.

Democratic Sens. Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor of Arkansas sided with Republicans to block the bill. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., also voted against the measure as a procedural tactic. Under Senate rules, casting his vote with the majority of the Senate enables him to revive the bill at a later date if he wants.

Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine had been seen as the crucial 60th vote because she supports overturning the military ban.

But Collins agreed with her GOP colleagues that Republicans weren't given sufficient chance to offer amendments.

Reid allowed Republicans the opportunity to offer only one amendment to address GOP objections on the military's policy on gays.

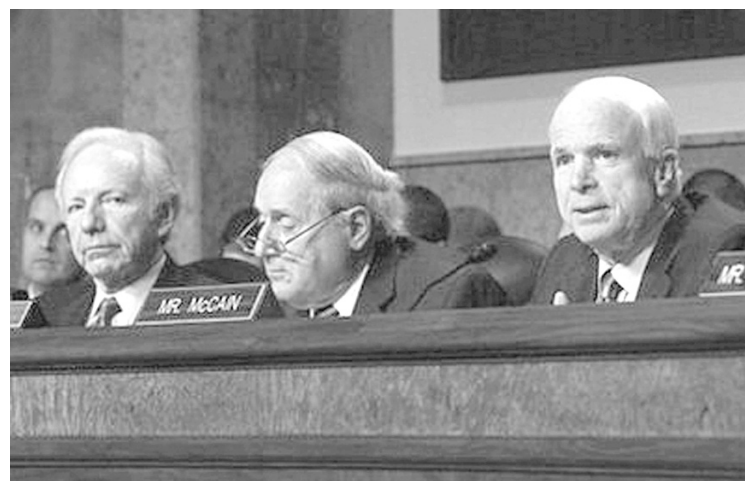
Collins said she planned to vote against advancing the

bill unless Democrats agreed to extend debate so that her colleagues could weigh in on other issues.

Jim Manley, a spokesman for Reid, said the senator would be willing to allow more debate on the bill after the November elections.

"Today's vote isn't about arcane Senate procedures," Manley said. "It's about a GOP's pattern of obstructing debate on policies important to the American people."

An estimated 13,000 people have been discharged under the law since its inception in 1993. Although most dismissals have resulted from gay service members outing themselves, gay rights'



R-L: US Senators John McCain, Carl Levin and Joseph Lieberman attend the confirmation hearing for Marine Corps General James Amos before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. A Pentagon survey has shown US Marines are "predominantly" opposed to lifting a ban on gays serving openly in the military, Amos said Tuesday.

groups say it has been used by out troops who never made vindictive co-workers to drum their sexuality an issue. □

Obama awards posthumous Medal of Honor to PA man

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE,
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Tuesday awarded the Medal of Honor to an Air Force chief master sergeant who died saving three fellow airmen in Laos, his heroism kept under wraps for more than 40 years because the Vietnam-era mission was secret.

"Today your nation finally acknowledges and fully honors your father's bravery," Obama said told the three sons of Richard L. "Dick" Etchberger at an awards ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

"Even though it's been 42 years, it's never too late to do the right thing," Obama said.

One of the sons said afterward that his father would have been humbled to receive the nation's highest military honor.

"He would be here just saying 'I was doing my job up there,'" Richard Etchberger told reporters.

A native of Hamburg, Pa., Etchberger was an electronics expert without formal combat training in March 1968 when he single-handedly kept the North Vietnamese enemy at bay while helping evacuate wounded comrades from their radar station on a remote Laotian mountain after coming under attack. □



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Michael Harvey, center, appears in front of a judge with his public defender Michael White, left, in Niagara County Court in Lockport, N.Y., Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010. Harvey waived extradition and is wanted on a murder warrant in the killing of Valerie Hamilton, a preschool teacher and swim instructor whose body was found in a Charlotte self-storage unit on Saturday.

(AP Photo/ David Duprey)

By **CAROLYN THOMPSON, Associated Press Writer**
LOCKPORT, N.Y. — The man accused of killing a

Suspect in woman's slaying to return to NC from NY

North Carolina police chief's daughter and dumping her body in a self-storage unit waived extradition from New York on Tuesday, the day of the slain woman's funeral.

In a five-minute hearing Tuesday, a subdued Michael Neal Harvey said he would not fight extradition and would return to the Charlotte, N.C., area.

Harvey, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit and handcuffs, was sent to the Niagara County Jail to await transfer. It was not immediately known when he would be extradited, but North Carolina authorities are already in New York.

Police say Harvey killed 23-year-old Valerie Hamilton last week and dumped her body before fleeing to Niagara Falls, where he grew up.

Four family members were with the 34-year-old Harvey in court, where his mother broke into tears. Neither his family nor his attorney, Michael

White, spoke to reporters as they left the courtroom.

In court documents, Harvey told authorities he was adopted by his grandparents at the age of 3 because his mother abused drugs. He earned his high school equivalency diploma in 1993 at Moriah Shock Boot Camp in New York's Adirondack Mountains, a facility for young offenders.

A team of state, local and federal officers arrested Harvey on Monday at a Niagara Falls home. Niagara County District Attorney Michael Violante said authorities do not plan to press charges against anyone who knew Harvey was in town.

Harvey had been wanted on a murder warrant after Hamilton's body was found Saturday. She was the daughter of Concord, N.C., police Chief Merl Hamilton, who described her as "perfect." Her funeral was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Harvey told authorities he first drank alcohol at age 7. At age 12, he began smoking marijuana, which he would smoke daily until he was 28, he said. He tried cocaine for the first time at 13 and used amphetamines and hallucinogens in his teens, though he says he stopped using those years ago. He advanced to heroin at 18 and first smoked crack at age 30, according to a January 2008 pre-sentencing report for violating his probation.

In 1996, he was convicted of first-degree sexual assault in New York and was on probation in North Carolina after his 2006 conviction on charges that he failed to register as a sex offender.

At the time of the 2008 pre-sentencing report, he had been homeless for a year and admitted using heroin several times since leaving drug rehab. He was sentenced to three years of supervised probation

and the judge recommended he live in a halfway house, though he was assessed as having a medium-to-high risk of re-offending.

His mother, Rose Harvey, told authorities he was a "great student, very smart, but often got bored in school." In January 2008, she described her son, the father of a young daughter who lives with her mother, as a "passionate, caring, family man."

In June 2009, he was convicted of felony breaking and entering — for stealing golf clubs, power tools and other property the year before — and received a suspended sentence.

This year, he was indicted on three charges from the Charlotte metro area — possession of a firearm by a felon, possession with intent to sell heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia, specifically needles and baggies. □

Fla. dad sorry for storming school bus, threats

By **ANTONIO GONZALEZ, Associated Press Writer**

LAKE MARY, Fla. — A father tearfully apologized Tuesday for acting like a bully himself when he stormed onto a school bus to confront students he believed were harassing his 13-year-old daughter who has cerebral palsy.

James Willie Jones is seen angrily gesturing and yelling at students and the bus driver on video taken by an onboard camera. Footage of the tirade has drawn thousands of views on YouTube, sparked numerous comments on social media sites — many of them supportive — and become a topic on national talk shows.

A day after saying he was sorry in a written statement, Jones held an emotional news conference in which his voice cracked as he said no parent

should copy his behavior.

"At that time, I was a bully. And I apologize again for that," said Jones. "If you see the tape, I feel like I was backed up against the wall as a parent. I just didn't know where else to go. We definitely don't want to promote that."

"We don't want vigilantes going on buses, threatening kids, because kids have rights too."

Jones was charged last week with disorderly conduct and disturbing a school function for the Sept. 3 tirade in Sanford, just north of Orlando. He later posted \$2,000 bail and was ordered to stay away from the driver and county school buses.

His attorney, Deianna Brown, said she is hoping to get the charges dropped or reduced, and she's offered to have her

client give speeches against bullying as community service.

Jones, 42, had also apologized for his behavior in a statement to The Associated Press on Monday, saying his daughter suffers from cerebral palsy and he "could not stand by and helplessly watch her suffer."

He said Tuesday she will not return to the middle school. Jones' wife, Deborah McFadden-Jones, said they noticed a change in their daughter's behavior since school began this year. She left messages with a school guidance counselor, she said, but never heard back.

McFadden-Jones said at the news conference that their daughter's condition isn't noticeable, and she was bullied for standing up for another girl. "She's a beautiful young lady



James Willie Jones, center, and his wife Deborah McFadden-Jones, right, along with their attorney, Natalie Jackson talk to reporters at the Spirit of Truth Worship Ministries in Lake Mary, Fla., Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010. James Willie Jones spoke about the events that transpired on a public school bus involving his disabled daughter on Sept. 3, 2010.

(Photo/Reinhold Matay)

who would give her last if she has it," McFadden-Jones said, crying.

"And she would step in for others who have been bullied or been pushed around, and that's where it started. She was helping someone else, and it turned on her and there

was no one there to help her out."

Jones told deputies that boys placed an open condom on his daughter's head, smacked her on the back of her head, twisted her ear and shouted rude comments at her, according to the sheriff's office report. □

9 NATO troops killed in Afghan helicopter crash

DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A NATO helicopter crashed Tuesday in southern Afghanistan, killing nine international troops in a region where forces are ramping up pressure on Taliban insurgents. It was the deadliest chopper crash for the coalition in four years.

A “large number” of Americans were among those who died, according to a senior military official in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity because not all relatives had been notified. He said it remained unclear whether troops of other nationalities were among the fatalities.

The cause was not immediately clear.

The Taliban claimed to have shot down the helicopter, but NATO said there were no reports of hostile fire.

It happened in Zabul province — rugged terrain where helicopters are heavily used to transport military troops spread

over mountainous areas with few roads.

One other coalition service member, an Afghan National Army soldier and a U.S. civilian were injured.

In addition, NATO reported that another coalition service member died following an explosion in southern Afghanistan. No other details of the incident were disclosed.

So far this year, 526 U.S. and NATO forces have been killed in Afghanistan, surpassing the 504 killed last year. This year has been the deadliest for international forces since the war began in 2001.

The helicopter crash occurred in northwestern Zabul province in the early morning hours, according to a NATO official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the location of the crash. Mohammad Jan Rasoolyar, a spokesman for the provincial governor in Zabul, said the helicopter went down in Daychopan district.

The NATO contingent in Zabul

is dominated by U.S. and Romanian forces.

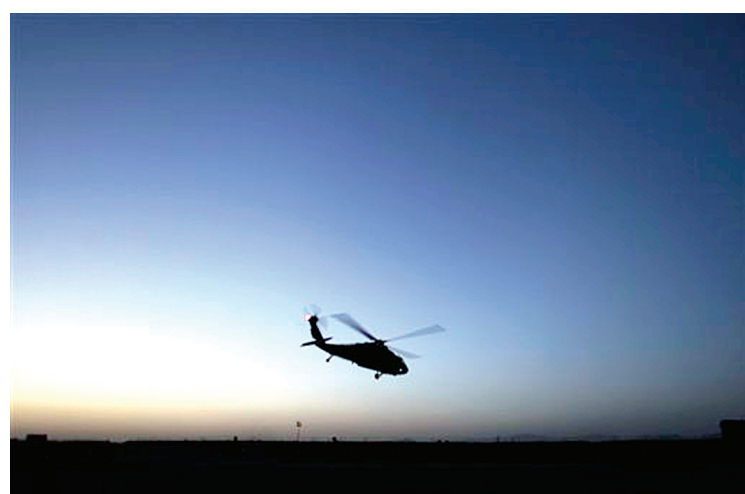
“I was sitting taking my tea,” said Nakeemullah, 20, who works transporting livestock in the area. “I heard noise and I went outside to see what happened.”

“I saw a lot of smoke in the sky,” said Nakeemullah, who uses only one name. “It was far away for me, but I could see that it was a helicopter and it went down on the backside of the mountain where I couldn’t see.”

NATO said there were no reports of enemy fire in the area. However, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi told The Associated Press by telephone that insurgents shot down the helicopter. The Taliban often exaggerate their claims and sometimes take credit for accidents.

Rasoolyar said NATO told local officials that the helicopter crashed due to mechanical problems.

“The Taliban were not involved in this crash at all,” he said.



In this September 11, 2010 photo, a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter prepares to depart from a forward operating base in Zhari District, southern Afghanistan. Nine service members with the international coalition in Afghanistan died Tuesday Sept. 21, 2010, after their helicopter crashed in southern Zabul province where troops are ramping up pressure on Taliban insurgents.

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Most helicopter crashes in the country have been accidents caused by maintenance problems or factors such as dust.

The worst helicopter crash for coalition forces was in August 2005 when two transport choppers clipped rotors and crashed in a western Afghan desert, killing 17 Spanish

troops.

Also Tuesday, NATO said Afghan and NATO forces had conducted an operation Sunday and Monday to disrupt the Taliban’s freedom of movement outside its heartland of Kandahar city, killing at least 11 insurgents and destroying several improvised explosive devices. □

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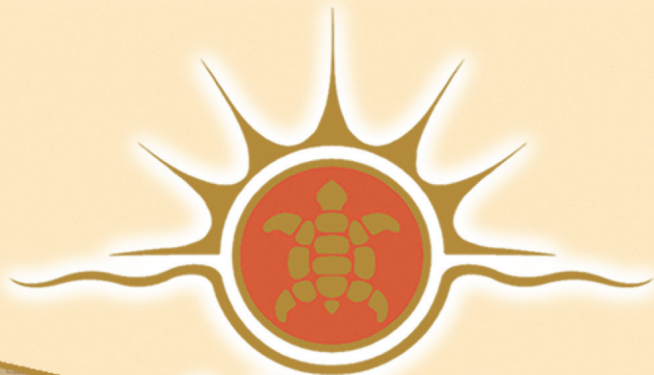
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German Chancellor Angela Merkel receives the Leo Baeck Medal at the Center for Jewish History in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, however, never mentioned the Millennium Development Goals in his speech to the 192-member General Assembly. Instead, he took aim at capitalism and called for the overhaul of “undemocratic and unjust” global decision-making bodies, which are dominated by the United States and other Western powers. While Ahmadinejad didn’t single out any country, he said world leaders, thinkers and global reformers should “spare no effort” to make practical plans for a new world order — reform of international economic and political institutions.

“It is my firm belief that in the new millennium, we need to revert to the divine mindset...based on the justice-seeking nature of mankind, and on the monotheistic world view...,” the Iranian leader

said in a brief speech intertwining philosophy and religion with the current state of the world. “Now that the discriminatory order of capitalism and the hegemonic approaches are facing defeat.”

Ahmadinejad proposed that the United Nations name the coming 10 years “the decade for the joint global governance.”

Soon afterward, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the world’s fourth-largest economic power, took an opposite tack, likely speaking for the rest of the capitalist world.

Stressing that “the primary responsibility for development lies with the governments of the developing countries,” she said the key to economic prosperity was good governance and a flourishing capitalist economy.

“The countries themselves must promote the development of a market economy...for without self-sustaining economic growth developing countries will find the road out of poverty and hunger too steep to travel,” Merkel said.

The German leader said international assistance can’t substitute for domestic resources, warned that “development aid cannot continue indefinitely” and declared that “support for good governance is as important as aid itself.”

Oxfam, one of the world’s most respect aid organizations, slammed Merkel’s address. Spokeswoman Emma Seery said more had been expected from the Germans, who “failed to explain how they will meet their promises of aid to poor countries, and sidestepped their responsibility to make aid work by laying this at the door of the poorest countries.”

Seery also chided the German leader for not joining with France and Spain in calling for a small tax on financial transactions that would go to meet development needs of poor countries. “Whether Germany can still claim to be a development leader is now questionable,” she said in an unusually blunt assessment of a government leader’s address.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has said the world is “on track” to cut extreme poverty by half, the No. 1 goal, though some critics say it’s mainly

because of the big strides in China and India. Many recent reports show that the world’s poorest countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, have made little progress in eradicating poverty.

And in Africa, Asia and Latin America there also has been a lack of progress in meeting other key goals: reducing mother and child deaths, increasing the number of people with access to basic sanitation, and promoting women’s equality. Ban is expected to launch a new initiative Wednesday to spur action on improving the lot of women and children.

In his speech, Ahmadinejad did not mention Iran’s nuclear program or the four rounds of U.N. Security Council sanctions over Tehran’s refusal to prove it is not trying to build a nuclear weapon. Iran claims it is only working on nuclear power to generate electricity.

The subject may be raised again Thursday when the General Assembly’s annual ministerial meeting begins.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov raised the sanctions issue in his speech, saying U.N. sanctions were not intended to harm ordinary civilians. He voiced “serious concern” at additional sanctions imposed by individual countries. The criticism appeared aimed at the United States, the European Union, Australia, Canada, Japan and South Korea, all of whom have imposed their own much tougher sanctions on Tehran.

“We are convinced that such practice contradicts the efforts to achieve the MDGs and must be brought to an end,” Lavrov said, using the initials of the Millennium Development Goals.

To counter these threats, Lavrov said Russia was ready to help with information and communication technology “to bridge the gap between the developed and developing countries and — as a result — to promote global development.”

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, one of the world’s poorest nations that has made progress because of the goals, said Africa “still has far to go” but if efforts are intensified “we will, ultimately, achieve them.” □

Italian police seize \$30M from Vatican in probe

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP)

— Italian authorities seized €23 million (\$30 million) from a Vatican bank account Tuesday and said they have begun investigating top officials of the Vatican bank in connection with a money-laundering probe.

The Vatican said it was “perplexed and surprised” by the investigation.

Italian financial police seized the money as a precaution and prosecutors placed the Vatican bank’s chairman and director general under investigation for alleged mistakes linked to violations of Italy’s anti-laundering laws, news reports said.

The investigation is not the first trouble for the bank — formally known as the Institute for Works of Religion. In the 1980s, it was involved in a major scandal that resulted in a banker, dubbed “God’s Banker” because of his close ties to the Vatican, being found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London.

The Vatican expressed full trust in the chairman of the bank, Ettore Gotti Tedeschi, and his director-general, identified by the Vatican directory as Paolo Cipriani. It said the bank had been working for some time to make its finances more transparent to comply with anti-terrorism and anti-money-laundering regulations.

“The Holy see is perplexed and surprised by the initiatives of the Rome prosecutors, considering the data necessary is already available at the Bank of Italy,” it said in a statement.

Gotti Tedeschi told state-run RAI television that he was “humiliated and mortified” by news of the probe, which he said had arrived just as he was implementing new transparency procedures at the bank.

News reports circulated more than a year ago that Italian investigators were scrutinizing millions of euros worth of Vatican bank transactions to see if they violated money-laundering regulations.

In Tuesday’s case, police

seized the money from a Vatican bank account at the Rome branch of Credito Artigiano Spa, according to news agencies ANSA and Apcom. The bulk of the money, €20 million (\$26 million), was destined for JP Morgan in Frankfurt, with the remainder going to Banca del Fucino.

According to the reports, the Vatican bank had neglected to communicate to financial authorities where the money had come from. The reports stressed that Gotti Tedeschi wasn’t being investigated for laundering money himself but for a series of alleged omissions in financial transactions.

Prosecutors declined requests seeking confirmation of the reports.

Gotti Tedeschi was named chairman of the bank a year ago after serving as the head of Italian operations for Spain’s Banco Santander. A member of the conservative religious movement Opus Dei, Gotti Tedeschi frequently speaks out on the need for more morality in financing and is a very public cheerleader of Pope Benedict XVI’s finance-minded encyclical “Charity in Truth.”

“It’s not difficult to show that applied ethics produces more wealth,” he wrote in a July piece for the Vatican newspaper L’Osservatore Romano. “Ethical behavior means lower costs — just thinking about control



A nun walks past a branch of Credito Artigiano’s bank in Rome, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010. Just when the Catholic Church didn’t need another scandal, Italian authorities have seized euro23 million (\$30.18 million) from a Vatican bank account and begun investigating top officials of the Vatican bank in connection with a money laundering probe. The Vatican said Tuesday it was “perplexed and surprised” by the investigation.

measures alone — and allows for more value thanks to transparency and trust, which alone produce more certainty and fewer risks.”

News of the investigation came just after Benedict wrapped up a difficult trip to Britain and as the Vatican still reels from the fallout of the clergy sex abuse scandal.

The Vatican bank, located in a tower just inside the gates of Vatican City, isn’t a typical bank. Its stated mission is to manage assets placed in its care that are destined for religious works or works of charity. But it also manages ATMs inside Vatican City and the pension system for

the Vatican’s thousands of employees.

The bank is not open to the public. Depositors are usually limited to Vatican employees, religious orders and people who transfer money for the pope’s charities.

Its leadership is composed of five cardinals, one of whom is the Vatican’s secretary of state. But the day-to-day operations are headed by Gotti Tedeschi and the bank’s oversight council.

The Vatican bank was famously implicated in a scandal over the collapse of the Banco Ambrosiano in the 1980s in one of Italy’s largest fraud cases.

Associated Press

Roberto Calvi, the head of Banco Ambrosiano, was found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London in 1982 in circumstances that still remain mysterious.

London investigators first ruled that Calvi committed suicide, but his family pressed for further investigation. Eventually murder charges were filed against five defendants, including a major Mafia figure, and they were tried in Rome and acquitted in 2007. Banco Ambrosiano collapsed following the disappearance of \$1.3 billion in loans the bank had made to several dummy companies in Latin America □



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Moldova is part of Europe, British official says



British minister for Europe David Lidington, left, walks with German Deputy Foreign Minister Werner Hoyer, right, in Bucharest, Romania, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, following their visit to neighboring Moldova. Lidington said Moldova, who's governing pro-European alliance is locked in a power struggle with pro-Russian Communists, has made progress toward democratic reform in the past year. Lidington, speaking Tuesday also said the "frozen conflict" in Moldova's separatist Trans-Dniester region, where Russia still stations 1,500 troops, needed to be solved _ with Russia's help.

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — A British official said Tuesday that Moldova — a former Soviet republic struggling over whether to tilt toward Russia or the West — is part of the European family, where democratic values, tolerance, human rights are the norm.

Moldova's governing pro-European alliance is locked in a power struggle with pro-Russian Communists. Because of the deadlock, the country's parliament has been unable to elect a president. Voters will go to the polls in again in November — for the third Parliamentary in about a year and a half.

Early this month, a referendum that would have provided for presidents elected by

popular vote rather than by the parliament failed, even though 87 percent of those voting favored the chance. One-third of the eligible voters needed to cast ballots for the referendum to be valid.

But, in the face of a Communist-led boycott, turnout was just 30 percent.

Still, British minister for Europe David Lidington, who took in office in May with the new British government, said Tuesday that Moldova had made progress toward democratic reform over the past year.

Lidington, spoke to reporters in Bucharest, the capital of

neighboring Romania, along with German Deputy Foreign Minister Werner Hoyer, where they discussed Moldova's future, along with the "frozen conflict" in the country's separatist Trans-Dniester region.

The region is not internationally recognized but it is supported by Russia, which still stations 1,500 troops there. In 1992, about 2,000 people were killed in a war between the separatists and the Moldovan government.

Hoyer said the Trans-Dniester conflict needed to be solved "not against, but with Russia." □

Police break up gay rally in Russian capital



Police officers detain Russian gay rights activist Nikolai Alexeyev during a rally near city hall in Moscow, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

Associated Press.

MOSCOW (AP) — Police dispersed a gay rally Tuesday and detained at least a dozen protesters in the Russian capital.

The two dozen demonstrators had been protesting the policies of Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, who has called homosexuals "satanic" and thwarted attempts to hold a gay pride rally in the city.

Police detained most, if not all, of those participating in Tuesday's rally, which was held without a required permit near city hall.

The activists handcuffed themselves to a monument for the 13th-century Russian prince who founded Moscow, displayed a papier-mache

mummy resembling Luzhkov and unfurled posters ridiculing the mayor and his billionaire wife, Yelena Baturina.

The activists said they objected to Luzhkov's recent use of the word "fag," and a court's subsequent ruling that the word could not be deemed offensive.

Homosexuality was decriminalized in Russia in 1993, but anti-gay feelings remain strong. The country's dominant Orthodox Church condemns gay lifestyle, and Orthodox activists have participated in dispersing previous gay rallies.

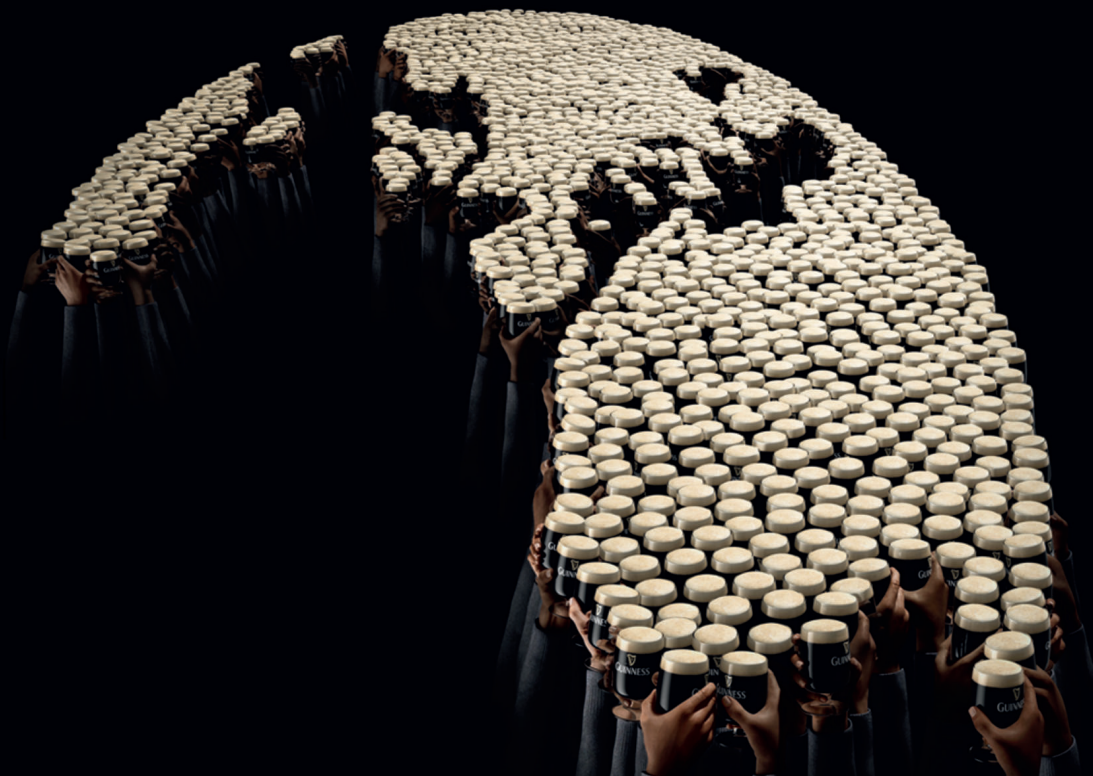
Activist Nikolai Alexeyev said in a telephone interview from inside a police van that he knew Tuesday's rally would not be allowed.

"I had no hope it would end peacefully," he said. "This lawlessness will go on as long as this lowlife rules the city."

Luzhkov has been under increasingly strong pressure to resign in recent weeks, and a string of television shows on national television criticized him and his wife for alleged corruption and cronyism.

Last week, Alexeyev claimed he was kidnapped from a Moscow airport and held for more than two days by men he alleged were security agents. Russian officials were not available for comment. □

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October 1st Brings Change in Bonaire's Departure Tax

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This means that as of that date the PFC will be included in all tickets purchased for travel on or after October 1, 2010. The airport will provide a transition period in which the Airport Tax Booth will remain open for sale of PFC for passengers who do not yet have the PFC included in their travel ticket. This transition period will end around the middle of January, 2011 but will be extended to a later date if necessary. After this transition period, all travel tickets should include the PFC. To assist with this transition, beginning October 1st, airlines will be utilizing the following protocols when checking in passengers at the airport: Passengers without PFC in their airline travel tickets (this can be verified at check-in) shall be directed to the Airport Tax Booth to pay the PFC. For passengers who have the PFC included in their airline ticket, the airline representative will need to confirm this in the reservation/check-in system at the check-in counter. The airline representative will provide each passenger with a completed form. The passenger should then present this form, together with their boarding pass and ID, to the Document Control Security Officer at the screening point. The Security Officer will collect the form from the passenger.

If a passenger needs a receipt for the purchased PFC, it will either be the passenger copy of the stub purchased at the tax booth or the receipt received at ticket purchase. Passengers who have checked in via the Internet and who can show that their boarding pass indicates that the PFC is included in the airline ticket and have no checked bags, shall proceed to the airport tax booth to collect the form before entering the screening point. This procedure is only valid during the transition period. □

RBTT strengthens support of the arts through sponsorship of the Trinidad & Tobago film festival

ORANJESTAD — RBTT Financial Group has become a supporting sponsor of the 2010 trinidad+ tobago film festival (ttff), making a further contribution to development of the arts in the Caribbean region.

The ttff is an annual celebration of the best in filmmaking from the Caribbean, the Caribbean Diaspora and Latin American countries in the Caribbean basin. This year's Festival takes place from September 22 to October 5 at venues across, when films from and about the Caribbean will be screened in Trinidad and Tobago.

Curacao-born film-maker, German Gruber will screen his dramatic short film "The Legend of Buchi Fil" at the Festival. The film is based on a poem by acclaimed Curaçao poet Pierre Laufferm.

Through sponsorship valued at approximately US\$ 23,300, RBTT has added a new dimension to the festival, with the introduction of the first ever Youth Film



Representatives of the key agencies supporting the t+t film festival pose for a photo following the launch of TTFF 2010. They are from left: John Arnold, Event Coordinator, Division of Tourism & Transportation, Tobago House of Assembly; Carla Foderingham, CEO of the Trinidad and Tobago Film Company; Ryan Khan, Filmmaker; Darryl White, Head of Investment Banking, RBTT; Cassian Gyan, Marketing Manager, Columbus Communications Trinidad Ltd, (Flow); and Bruce Paddington, Founder and Director of the TTFF.

Concept Competition. This is an initiative aimed at getting young people interested in the world of filmmaking by inviting them to submit concepts for a series of short promotional films for the ttff,

based on the Festival's 2010 theme, "You're in Focus".

"We hope the festival and the Youth Film Concept Competition will ignite greater interest in film and encourage more young people in Trinidad

& Tobago and the Caribbean to explore this exciting medium," said Darryl White, Head of Investment Banking, RBTT Financial Group at the launch of ttff 2010 on August 26.

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Highly commended and Runner-up

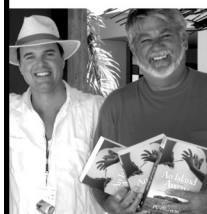
Aruba Airport receives high award from international airlines forum

The award was presented by the OAG (Official Airline Guide) in Vancouver



ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) has received confirmation on the 21st of September, that it was awarded the prize for Runner-up for the Airport Marketing Award 2010 in the category 'the Americas'. The gala awards ceremony, where the awards were handed out, took place during the Annual World Route Development Forum in Vancouver, Canada. Representatives of AAA that attended this Forum and accepted the award were Mrs. Peggy Croes, Head Airline Marketing and Mrs. Barbara Brown, Business Unit Manager Terminal. OAG awards airports in geographical categories, irrespective of the amount of passengers that the airport receives per year. Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix shared the Highly Recommended Distinction together with Dallas- Fort Worth.

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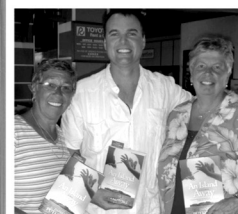
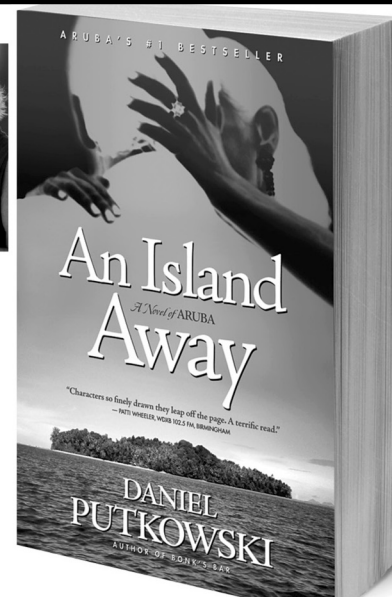
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With life coach Petra van den Berg

In-depth look at communication during workshop at De Suikertuin



ORANJESTAD - Although just 7 percent of all communication comes from words (55 percent is body language – 38 percent is intonation/voice), words have a major impact. Positive words, repeated frequently, can even change your emotions, your behavior and feelings. Learning how to

listen ('Do I understand you right when you say...') helps with miscommunication. And of course, do not be interesting when you are a listener, but be interested in what is said. Talking about listening Petra had a good tip: do not let your energy be drained when listening to the problems of a friend or family member, but listen as an observer and stay neutral. That way you protect yourself and you are more supportive than when you are letting yourself be swept away with their emotions. "Say in a few words what you want to say; use strong words and tell them what may be done to improve the situation," is Petra's advice. More tips when communicating: do not hide

and defend yourself, but accept the other's opinion. Ask yourself why you take certain things so personally and try to find out why certain things hit you hard. Listen attentively and mirror what you have learned from criticism. Use silence. When one learns to recognize behavioral patterns, one can change them. Letting go, acceptance and belief in oneself belong to tools how to change in a positive way. As Petra said: "Weed your garden, plant new seeds and harvest later." As the workshop touched upon many different patterns, one thing became clear: you yourself are in charge of your



life – you let things happen, but you are the captain of your ship, so you should know the course. Taking charge and having a positive attitude is key. During the break a terrific lunch revived the workshop's attendees and they were ready for some exercises and demonstrations. After Dr. Viana's lecture last Friday, De Suikertuin had yet another hit on its hands. Next Sunday afternoon, De Suikertuin is going to be the venue for local designer Ronchi de Cuba's latest collection of his Trash label during a high tea fashion show. From 3 – 6 pm his fantastic designs will pass the revue. □

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RBTT strengthens support of the arts

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RBTT's sponsorship of the film festival and the youth film competition is particularly appropriate, being an area of focus of Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), its Canadian parent company. RBC is a major sponsor of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), the largest and one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world.

As part of their involvement in TIFF, RBC also sponsors the Emerging Filmmakers

Competition, which provides up-and-coming filmmakers with a priceless opportunity to showcase their work. In 2009, more than CAD\$900,000 was invested in apprenticeship, internship and artist recognition programmes across Canada. While RBTT's involvement in film is new, it has a well-established tradition of supporting the arts in the region. In the Dutch Caribbean, this includes supporting the local culture through many cultural festivals and also supporting art expositions. □



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Aruba Airport receives high award from international airlines forum

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As such Aruba Airport ended second amongst all North, Central and South American airports. This result is outstanding and important for AAA as the award is given based on input and comments from the airlines themselves. It is the airlines who shortlist the nominees and it is the airlines who select the winners. The category in which the Aruba Airport Authority achieved the position of Runner Up consists of all the Americas, therefore all the airports in North, Central and South America, including the Caribbean! It is not the first time that the Aruba Airport Authority obtains official credit from the airline industry: in 2006 and 2009 AAA was already awarded by OAG, while in the beginning of this year AAA was selected

as the winner in the regional conference of Central America and the Caribbean.

Peter Steinmetz, Managing Director AAA, expressed profound words of satisfaction with this achievement: "This was the fifth time that we have been nominated in six years and it is truly amazing that AAA, as such a small airport company can compete with the major airports in the entire American Continent in this category. It's great to know that we beat 99.9% of all other American airports! These continuous nominations and awards are proof that our airline marketing strategy works out well for us. This recognition by airlines is a confirmation that if airlines have to make a choice from comparable alternatives, they will likely decide in Aruba's advantage".

Count down for Cas di Glas



ORANJESTAD - This is the sixth column about the Cas di Glas (House of Glass), an event that takes place from September 29 thru October 3 in the Renaissance Marketplace across from CILO City Lounge. It is a concept that, after its immense success in Holland, has been copied in various big cities in Europe. Its goal: to get a substantial amount of money for a good cause; on Aruba this will be the Koningin Wilhelmina Kankerfonds (KWF), the cancer foundation. But what is the Cas di Glas exactly and

how does something like that come about? In the coming installments you will be able to follow the making of the Cas di Glas and we hope you will get as enthusiastic about this project as its team of organizers.

In the meantime, initiator of the Cas di Glas project, Peter Ballière, has descended on the island again: he is already on full throttle, together with his exceptional team of committee members, finalizing details and fine tuning details. Countless mails are coming in from

private persons, restaurants and hotels with pledges of support; restaurant staffers are getting together, donating part of their daily tips and telling us about it. The enthusiasm of these people makes that the mountain of work which still has to be done, will be done with springs in our steps.

Talking to Peter Ballière, it is clear that Aruba is not the only place where people are getting together for our good cause: top soccer player Hedwiges Maduro has not forgotten his Aruban roots and he is going to give a donation. He also asks all his fans to donate money for the mobile breast cancer screening unit that we wish to buy with the money. And Holland's most popular deejay, Giel Beelen, is going to call 'our' local deejays when they are shut up for their four days in the glass house across from CILO City Lounge.

Beelen is a colleague of our Albert, Jean Carlo and Siomara – he is a Glass House



veteran himself! Aruba's Plenipotentiary Minister in Holland, Edwin Abath, is right behind the event: he loves the fact that Arubans in Holland are supporting this charity in their home country. The Cas di Glas gets lots of exposure in the monthly publication 'Aruba Dushi Tera' and there are constant updates of the activities during

the four days. In Belgium, national newspapers have already published about our adventure, even a full page in the Gazet van Antwerpen, with its 450,000 readers! And a health club in Antwerp (McFitness) is supporting us with four fundraising days of spinning, 24/7.

Although the Cas di Glas happening will be filled to the brim with great bands and deejays, there is one standing out: the band Dedhalavie of Dhaddy Brokke, which will perform live on stage, together again after 28 years. This unique performance takes place on the opening night (on Wednesday, September 29).

Dedhalavie was very popular with a large audience in the 1970's and there are lots of people who are going to love seeing them together once again, reliving their memories. We hope they will all come to the Renaissance Marketplace at the end of this month.

Another striking gesture is from the Belgian band Rockenbach, which plays classical music in rock version.

The musicians heard about our effort and they decided to come to Aruba to play. They pay for their trip and stay themselves. Rockenbach will sing a song, dedicated to a woman who was battling cancer, titled 'Song for Life'. The CD is for sale during Cas di Glas: the proceeds are for our good cause. □



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ORANJESTAD - Joining forces with a vengeance to help the upcoming Cas di Glas (House of Glass) fundraising, the staffers of Madame Janette Restaurant are on the road towards a major contribution. Manager Chris has asked each staff member how much per day he or she wanted to donate towards the purchase of a mobile breast cancer screening unit, the ultimate goal of the Cas di Glas happening., and all of them are pitching in, getting

a total of about 50 US dollars per day! A fantastic gesture. Another local restaurant, Rembrandt in the South Beach Mall, is also busy: the restaurant hopes to be able to donate a whopping AWG. 1000,-- at the end of next week, the final day of Cas di Glas. Taste of Belgium's Bistro is doing great as well, getting patrons as well as visitors interested in the event and donating part of their tip money to the good cause.

Photo shows the terrific



teams of Madame Janette, Rembrandt and Taste of Belgium - Bistro; the Cas di Glas organizers thank everyone who is pitching in. The Cas di Glas event is held from September 29

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Broncos say no signs McKinley was suicidal

ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado (AP) — Denver Broncos coach Josh McDaniels said in a tearful news conference Tuesday that nobody in the organization saw any hint that wide receiver Kenny McKinley was suicidal before he took his life.

"We've all seen him recently. He's been the same person every time we see him. Liked junk food and chips and things like that," McDaniels said.

"He was in the cafeteria, or in the training room, when we were seeing him the last so many weeks here. Nothing that would alarm us to anything like this."

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In a 2009 photo, Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley poses for a photo. The Arapahoe County Sheriff says McKinley was found dead Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, in his Centennial, Colo., home. Sheriff Grayson Robinson says detectives are investigating the death. McKinley was a second-year pro who was on the team's injured reserve list.

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MOTOR SPORTS

NASCAR warns RCR on Bowyer's Chase-clinching car

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — NASCAR warned Richard Childress Racing that Clint Bowyer's car came close to failing inspection after his Chase-clinching drive at Richmond. NASCAR scheduled a Tuesday meeting with RCR officials to go over the No. 33 Chevrolet and determine if the team had not made a mistake in its own calculations.

"They were in the box, but getting close to some of the tolerances and we asked them to come in to see if they aren't getting off on one of their build sheets," NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton told The Associated Press.

"We have had their cars in quite a bit, and they were always spot-on."

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SAINT-IFIED

New Orleans Saints' Garrett Hartley celebrates after kicking a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give the Saints a 25-22 win over the San Francisco 49ers in an NFL football game in San Francisco, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

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Selig rules out increased instant replay this year

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig on Monday ruled out increased use of instant replay by umpires to review close calls during the postseason this season.

Selig said he discussed the matter with the special committee of managers, management and ownership he appointed in December.

"I brought the subject up, as I always do with everybody," Selig said.

"I don't get the feeling that there's a lot of support for it, at least their conversations with me."

Baseball instituted video review to assist umpires late in the 2008 season, but limited its use to whether potential home runs are fair

and whether the ball went over the fence.

"We're analyzing things," Selig said. "Our committee said we need to study it more, maybe have a few more months of study. But from the numbers that I heard, of the controversial tough plays, they got something like 98 percent right."

Selig said the key issue for him is the delays that video reviews cause. He said there is no support on the committee for increased use of replay — or any clamor for it from baseball executives.

"We'll continue to look at it. I'm not going to say no," he said.

"Baseball is a game of pace, and there's no question it's a game of pace, and therefore one has to be very sensitive." □



Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig speaks at a ceremony to unveil a statue of Selig outside Miller Park Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010, in Milwaukee. Selig is the former owner of the Milwaukee Brewers.

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In this Sept. 19, 2010, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick looks on during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions in Detroit. Eagles coach Andy Reid says Michael Vick will be the team's starting quarterback. Reid made the decision Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, a day after saying Kevin Kolb would start Sunday at Jacksonville.

Associated Press

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick earned himself a starting job by being — of all things — a pocket passer.

Vick will take over as the

Philadelphia Eagles' No. 1 quarterback, coach Andy Reid said Tuesday, a day after he announced he would go back to Kevin Kolb.

"When someone is playing at the level Michael Vick is

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McKinley's body was discovered by a female friend Monday afternoon when she returned to his Centennial home less than four miles from the team's headquarters after running an errand with his young son, Keon.

Arapahoe County Coroner Michael Dobersen said Tuesday that McKinley, 23, died of a gunshot wound to the head. He said a preliminary investigation "suggests the wound to be self-inflicted."

The team gathered Tuesday morning and met with grief counselors to help them deal with the death of their friend, who was on injured reserve after hurting his left knee in August and requiring surgery for the second time in eight months.

The players decided to leave McKinley's locker in place for the remainder of the season as a shrine to their teammate.

Linebacker Wesley Woodyard said McKinley was his usual joking and jovial self in recent weeks, something his college teammates agreed with after he visited the South Carolina campus earlier this month.

McDaniels said the Broncos will observe a moment of silence Sunday before their game against Indianapolis and players will wear white decals with the No. 11 in navy on their helmets.

McKinley was part of McDaniels' first draft class and McDaniels said nobody had been more excited to get that phone call than McKinley was.

He said he saw McKinley less than two weeks ago in the team cafeteria and saw him smiling as usual.

"You could see all of his teeth. Usually could," McDaniels said. "I don't have any memories that are really negative about Kenny, because of the spirit he had."

Woodyard said he saw McKinley a week and a half ago when the receiver was retrieving some items from his locker at Dove Valley. They ribbed each other, as usual.

"He had a big smile on his face. He just walked out of the building," Woodyard said. "And that's the last thing we remember, that huge smile."

Woodyard said nobody saw any signs that their friend was hurting on the inside.

"Every memory that we have of Kenny is a joke and a big smile," Woodyard said.

He said the Broncos will prepare for their game against the Colts with heavy hearts.

Vick to start at QB for Eagles

playing, you have to give him an opportunity," Reid said. "This isn't about Kevin Kolb's play. You're talking about Michael Vick as one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL right now."

Vick is considered the greatest scrambling quarterback in NFL history, but he won the job over Kolb by demonstrating he no longer has a run-first mentality.

Kolb missed the last six quarters because of a concussion, and Vick played well in his absence. Kolb was cleared to practice and was expected to run the first-team offense on Wednesday.

"Kevin is fine. It's not an injury-related issue," Reid said. "It's not about judging him. He's going to be a championship-caliber quarterback."

Vick threw for 175 yards and

one touchdown and ran for 103 yards in a 27-20 season-opening loss to Green Bay. He had 284 yards passing and two TDs in a 35-32 win at Detroit on Sunday.

Kolb started two games in his first three seasons before he became the team's No. 1 quarterback after Donovan McNabb was traded to Washington. Kolb struggled in the first half against the Packers in the season opener, but he became the first QB in league history to throw for 300 yards in his first two career starts last year.

Though the Eagles have been grooming Kolb to be the starter since drafting him in the second round in 2007, Vick forced Reid to make a difficult decision by playing better than he did when he was a superstar in Atlanta.

"Michael did an exceptional job and my job is to evaluate the players," Reid said. "It's my obligation to make the proper decision."

Vick's start against the Lions was his first in nearly four years.

A three-time Pro Bowl pick during six seasons with the Falcons, Vick missed two seasons while serving an 18-month sentence in federal prison for his role in a dogfighting operation. He signed a two-year contract with the Eagles before last season, then played sparingly behind McNabb and Kolb.

Vick has completed 63.8 percent of his passes and has posted consecutive games with a passer rating above 100 for only the second time in his career.

"His accelerated play was brilliant," Reid said. "This is what I think is right. He's back and maybe even a little better."

The knock on Vick used to be that he moved too quickly through his reads and took off running. He clearly benefited from watching McNabb operate the offense last year, and has excellent teachers in Reid and offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg. Vick proved against the Lions that he can be effective in the pocket. Despite getting sacked six times and being under constant pressure, he scrambled enough to buy time and find open receivers.

Given Philadelphia's struggles on the offensive line, Vick's speed and quickness is vital. Kolb has a quick release and can escape pressure, but few quarterbacks have been as elusive as Vick.

In 2006, Vick set a record for QBs with 1,039 yards rushing. His 10 career 100-yard rushing games are the most by a QB, and he ranks third behind Randall Cunningham and Steve Young with 4,094 yards rushing.

"I think his play has even exceeded expectations over the last two weeks," Reid said. "Very few quarterbacks can go out and play the way he played the last couple weeks and do the things that he did." □



Denver Broncos head coach Josh McDaniels addresses the media regarding the apparent suicide of player Kenny McKinley during a news conference at the team's headquarter in Englewood, Colo., on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010. Arapahoe County sheriff Grayson Robinsin said the second-year pro died of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home in Centennial, Colo., near the Broncos' headquarters on Monday afternoon.

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"We've got to play with him on our shoulders and in our hearts," Woodyard said. "So, I think that's something that's going to allow us to continue to push through this week."

This is the third time in four years the Broncos are dealing with the death of a teammate in shocking circumstances.

Cornerback Darrent Williams, 24, was killed in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day 2007, and three months later backup running back Damien Nash, 24, collapsed and died after a charity basketball game in St. Louis.

McKinley's agent, Andrew Bondarowicz, said family and friends are at a loss to explain the death of a young man "who had such a love for life."

"Everybody has their explanations, their own theories. Whether it was injuries, no one's going to know for sure," Bondarowicz said. "It's a tough situation all the way around."

"Some people speculate that it was his being injured, some said it was financial challenges ... It's a tragic situation."

Bondarowicz said funeral arrangements were pending. He also said he's been in touch with team and the players' association about setting up a trust fund for McKinley's son. □

NFL Roundup

Saints defense shines as New Orleans beats 49ers

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Last season, the New Orleans Saints won their games with a high-flying offense. So far this year it's been all about defense.

Garrett Hartley kicked a 37-yard field goal that barely fluttered through as time expired after Drew Brees set it up with a 30-yard completion to Marques Colston and the Saints spoiled the San Francisco 49ers' home opener with a 25-22 victory Monday night.

San Francisco's Frank Gore ran for a 7-yard touchdown with 1:19 to play and Vernon Davis made a close-call catch at the goal line for the tying 2-point conversion. The play was initially called no good, but the 49ers (0-2) challenged the ruling and won.

The defending Super Bowl champion Saints (2-0), who relied on their defense most of the game, got the ball back at the 30 with 1:14 left and the wind at their back. Brees hit Colston with a pass that put the Saints on the 18 with 18 seconds left. The 49ers watched anxiously as Hartley's kick just made it.

"We've stayed with the mindset we are the hunter, not the hunted," Brees said moments after the thrilling finish.

Reggie Bush caught a 6-yard TD pass in his first game since giving back his 2005 Heisman Trophy won while with Southern California. The NCAA punished USC after concluding that Bush and his family took money and gifts from sports agents while Bush played for the Trojans. Bush was helped off the field with a right leg injury with 6:58 left and then was taken to the locker room on a cart. No information was given on the severity of the injury.

"Everybody is giving us their A game," Bush said. "Everybody is giving us their best shot. We're just finding ways to win. That's all we can do is find ways to win. We can't be down about a win like this. This is a great win against

a physical team, a tough team. They came out and gave us their best shot. We still found a way to win. That's what champions do, find ways to win no matter what."

Brees hit David Thomas for a 3-yard score that put New Orleans ahead late in the third quarter and Tracy Porter's interception at the 10-yard line preserved the lead until Gore's late run.

"They played really well," Brees said. "You've got take your hat off to them, they played hard."

San Francisco outgained the Saints in yards 417-287 but beat itself with turnovers.

Roman Harper intercepted a pass by Alex Smith at the 26 in the first quarter. Malcolm Jenkins recovered Delanie Walker's fumble at the 3 just before halftime as the Niners failed to capitalize on opportunities.

"We came in with the mindset that we were going to win the turnover battle, and we did that decisively," Saints coach Sean Payton said.

On a festive evening at Candlestick Park in which the 49ers retired Hall of Famer Jerry Rice's No. 80 jersey at halftime, the Niners looked little like the championship teams Rice starred on in the 1980s and 90s.

Gore provided the highlight, running for 112 yards and catching a 12-yard touchdown pass from Smith.

New Orleans' defense shined for the second straight game in the national spotlight, the Saints' first game since kicking off the NFL season in prime time on Sept. 9 with a 14-9 victory over the Vikings. The inconsistent Saints offense looked far from top form but still found a way to beat the Niners for the sixth straight time.

San Francisco helped out by committing the three turnovers and snapping a ball out of the end zone for a safety on the opening series.

New Orleans is 2-0 in consecutive seasons for the first time in franchise history. Brees calmly directed New Orleans into the end zone in



New Orleans Saints cornerback Malcolm Jenkins (27) recovers a fumble from San Francisco 49ers tight end Delanie Walker (46) late in the first half of an NFL football game in San Francisco, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010. At right is Saints' Will Smith. The Saints won 25-22.

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its first drive just as he did in the team's initial series in the opener. Brees — who took time to sign autographs on the sideline before dressing for the game — capped the seven-play, 46-yard drive by hitting a wide-open Bush, who pointed to the crowd and then saluted.

Brees completed 28 of 38 passes for 254 yards, eight of those completions to Pierre Thomas.

49ers coach Mike Singletary said during the week, "We will stop Drew Brees."

Hartley also kicked fourth-quarter field goals of 46 and 19 yards for the Saints, who have a quick turnaround heading into their NFC South matchup Sunday with the Falcons. Atlanta is coming off a commanding 41-7 win against Arizona.

Smith was 23 of 32 for 275 yards with two interceptions. The 49ers finally reached the end zone for their first touchdown of the season at the 9:52 mark of the second quarter when Smith connected with Gore. But there were few such moments because of all the mistakes — many of the same things that hurt San Francisco in an embarrassing 31-6 loss at Seattle.

On the safety, fill-in center David Baas snapped the ball high over Smith's head. The 49ers were booed by the sellout home crowd after going three-and-out in their next series. Smith was intercepted by Harper the next time San Francisco had the ball, which came off Gore's right hand

before the pick.

The Niners didn't appear to have the same communication problems that plagued them against the Seahawks. There were issues with getting the plays into Smith on time before his headset cut out with 15 seconds left on the play clock. □



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AP Source: Saints RB Reggie Bush has broken fibula



New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush (25) is assisted after suffering an injury in the fourth quarter against the San Francisco 49ers during an NFL football game in San Francisco, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

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By **BRETT MARTEL**
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Reggie

Bush's broken leg likely will sideline him about six weeks but not the rest of the season, a

person familiar with the injury said. Bush was expected to be examined again Tuesday, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team has not officially updated Bush's condition.

The Saints had the day off after returning early in the morning from their 25-22 Monday night victory at San Francisco. Saints spokesman Greg Bensel said there were no planned updates on Bush's injury.

The bone in Bush's lower right leg was broken when recovered his muffed punt with 6:58 remaining. He had trouble catching the ball at windy Candlestick Park and

was injured during the scrum after he dove for the ball and players landed on him.

"Last second it kind of shifted a little bit, just enough for me to drop it," he said. "I tried to recover it and somebody took my leg out. I don't know who it was, what happened or how it happened. I just know my leg got taken out. That's it."

"It hurt like hell," Bush said. "When I got back up and tried to walk on it, it felt terrible."

The injury capped a difficult past few days for Bush, who gave back his Heisman Trophy last week. The NCAA punished USC after concluding that Bush and his family improperly accepted money and gifts from sports agents while Bush played

for the Trojans. Bush said he returned the award to end the controversy.

"It's been a pretty tough week," he said. "It's just the way life goes."

"I'm just trying not to think the worst and just try to stay as positive as I can in this situation," Bush said. "That's all you can do, hope for the best."

Bush had played well before the injury — a broken right fibula. He caught a 6-yard touchdown pass on New Orleans' opening drive and set up a field goal with a 43-yard punt return on the final play of the third quarter.

Bush finished with 30 yards on four receptions and 4 yards on five carries. □

DA: Jets' Edwards admitted drinks before DWI stop

By **COLLEEN LONG**
JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK — New York Jets star wide receiver Braylon Edwards told a police officer he'd been partying and drinking before being pulled over in his luxury SUV, but he suggested letting him leave the car and go home, prosecutors said as he was arraigned Tuesday on drunken-driving charges. Asolemn Edwards was released without bail in a case that could compound his legal troubles while he's on probation after a fracas in Cleveland last year. He declined to discuss the drunken-driving arrest as he left a Manhattan courthouse, thronged by reporters.

"There will be plenty of time to talk. I'll address everybody,"

said Edwards, wearing a black T-shirt and fashionably torn gray jeans.

Defense lawyer Peter M. Frankel said Edwards was exhausted and focused on getting back to his team.

"Obviously, this is very difficult for him," Frankel said. "Without question, absolutely, he understands the seriousness of the situation, and he is committed to getting back on the football field and doing what he does best for the Jets."

A breath test showed Edwards had a blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit after he was stopped on Manhattan's West Side around 5 a.m. Tuesday, prosecutors said. Chief police spokesman Paul Browne said officers on the

lookout for such violations as overly tinted windows stopped Edwards because his Land Rover's windows were too dark and then noticed a strong smell of alcohol.

Authorities said there were four other people in the SUV, and the Jets confirmed Tuesday that starting left tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson and defensive end Vernon Gholston were among them. Neither of those players was charged.

Edwards told an officer he'd had "a couple of drinks," the last about an hour before, assistant district attorney Alyssa Gunther said.

"We were coming from a party. How about if I just leave the car and take a cab and go home?" he asked, according to



New York Jets wide receiver Braylon Edwards leaves court Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, in New York. Edwards, 27, was arrested early Tuesday on charges of driving while intoxicated after officers pulled him over because the windows on his SUV were too tinted, police said.

Gunther.

Edwards also quizzed the officer about why he wasn't first given a field sobriety test, saying "they do it in Michigan," where he was a college standout, and questioned the basis for his arrest, Gunther said.

"Why was I stopped for having tints if my driving didn't lead you to believe I was drunk

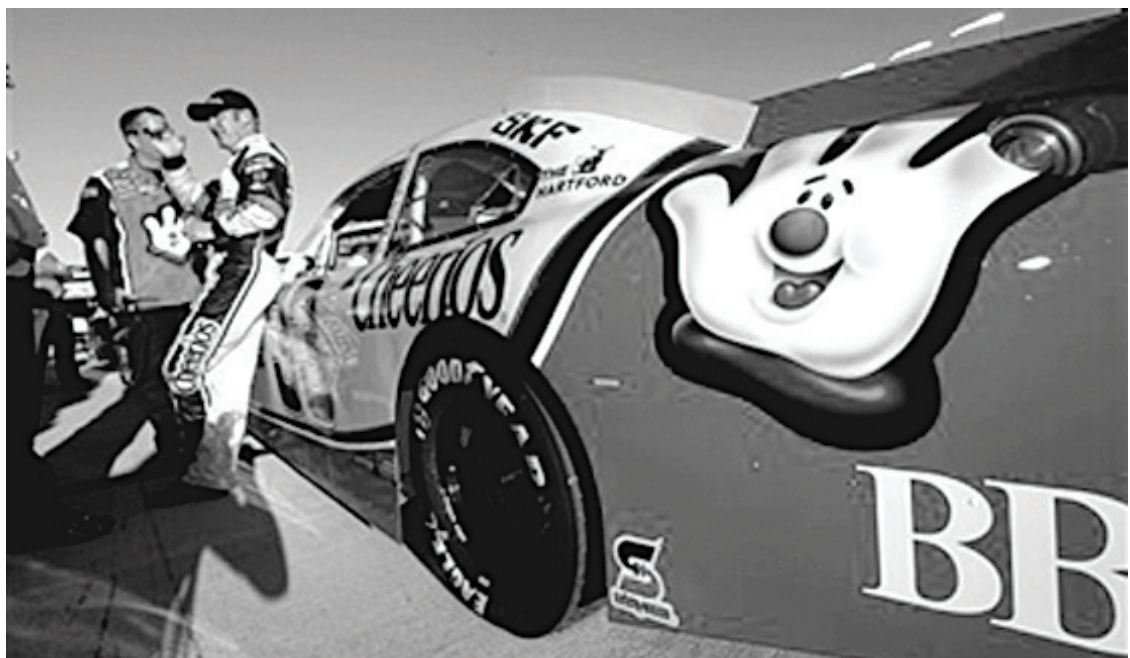
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driving?" Edwards asked, according to prosecutors.

It's unclear where Edwards was coming from or going. Teammate Jericho Cotchery told WFAN-AM Tuesday morning that Edwards and other Jets had attended a Manhattan event Monday night for Cotchery's nonprofit foundation benefiting underprivileged youths. □

Finchem pleased golf not losing ground

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer ATLANTA
— PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem expects three or four tournaments to be without a title sponsor going into the 2011 season, although he said the tour has no plans to subsidize them. Finchem painted an optimistic picture Tuesday of the tour, noting its cumulative TV audience — number of viewers who tune in to a PGA Tour at any point during a tournament — was down only 2 percent despite Tiger Woods not playing the first three months of the season. And despite a weakened economy, the tour has signed or renewed some 18 title sponsors since 2009. But when asked about being “happy” with how well everything appears to be going, Finchem added some context to the situation. “We’re pleased that we’re competing. We’re not falling backward when we’re in a difficult environment,” Finchem said. “On the other hand, you would much prefer to grow. We’d much prefer the growth levels that we had for charitable contributions in the three years before 2008 than bumping along with very slight growth. And the same thing with financial benefits to players. “But given the circumstances, given the difficulties, given the cutbacks we’ve seen in other sports and given the fact that we’re headed into television negotiations, we are cautiously optimistic. And we have to be pleased about that.” Finchem described the 2010 season as “eventful” and “interesting,” which takes in a lot. On the golf course, there were two scores of 59 within a month of each other, by Paul Goydos and Stuart Appleby. And while Woods is enduring a miserable season on and off the course with his personal travails, a younger class of competition has emerged through Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day and Rickie Fowler, the first PGA Tour rookie to make the

Ryder Cup team. Most noticeable was Woods, who has failed to win a PGA Tour stop for the first time in his career. His downfall — from the extramarital affairs that led to his divorce to finishing in the top 10 at only two tournaments — comes at a time when the tour is about to start negotiations on the next TV contract. Finchem said he doesn’t think the performance of golf’s most popular player will have much bearing. “I think Tiger brings a lot of unique viewers to the telecast,” he said. “Tiger doesn’t generate the core audience that we have week in and week out. I’ll say this for maybe the 50th time — we have 47 tournaments, Tiger plays in 16. ... The economy is the problem, not Tiger. “Having said that, there isn’t any question that when you have not just the No. 1 player on this tour but the most dominating player in a sport in history, you want him playing because it makes a lot of things work a lot better,” Finchem said. “And we want him playing, we want him playing well. And given his intensity, we assume that’ll be the case.” The tournaments without title sponsors are the Bob Hope Classic, Hilton Head, the St. Jude Championship in Memphis, and the World Golf Championship at Doral. Finchem said he expected a title sponsor for Doral. □



Clint Bowyer talks to a crew member during qualifying for the Air Guard 400 Sprint Cup race at the Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Friday, Sept. 10, 2010.

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NASCAR

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This one just seemed to be different, and we felt we owed it to them to make sure they just aren’t off in one area.”

Bowyer’s car was chosen by NASCAR for random inspection following his sixth-place finish at the Sept. 11 race. The run gave him the 12th and final spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, which began Sunday in New Hampshire.

Bowyer won the opener to vault from 12th in the standings to second, and he’s in the thick of the championship hunt.

But as his team celebrated the victory, rival teams began to gossip about a potential problem with Bowyer’s car from the week before. NASCAR on Tuesday confirmed that once the car got back to its North Carolina research and development center, it was discovered that the back end of the Chevrolet was very close to the mandated tolerance levels.

NASCAR still has the car in its possession, and won’t give it back to RCR until the team meets with the sanctioning body.

But Pemberton shot down speculation that RCR was given a pass because NASCAR didn’t want to spoil the build up to the Chase

opener.

“If there was something more to this, we would move the car under the dark of night and hide it in a crypt somewhere where nobody can see it,” he said. “We’re going to get criticized for everything we do anyway. People are through here all the time (R&D Center) and can see what’s here. There are no shenanigans.”

Even if Bowyer’s car had failed inspection, it wouldn’t have changed the Chase field.

The penalty for failed inspections runs anywhere from 50-to-100 points, and Bowyer had a 142-point cushion over Ryan Newman at the end of the Richmond race.

Pemberton also said Bowyer’s situation was not similar to last year, when NASCAR warned Hendrick Motorsports about the cars Mark Martin and Jimmie Johnson drove to wins in the first two Chase races.

In those instances, Sprint Cup Series director John Darby indicated the Hendrick teams were intentionally creeping close to the limits and left themselves “no room to breathe.”

“We’ve not seen anything like this from (RCR) this year, and sometimes you can get something off in a particular shop,” Pemberton said. “We are trying to be proactive and we want to compare their numbers to ours.” □

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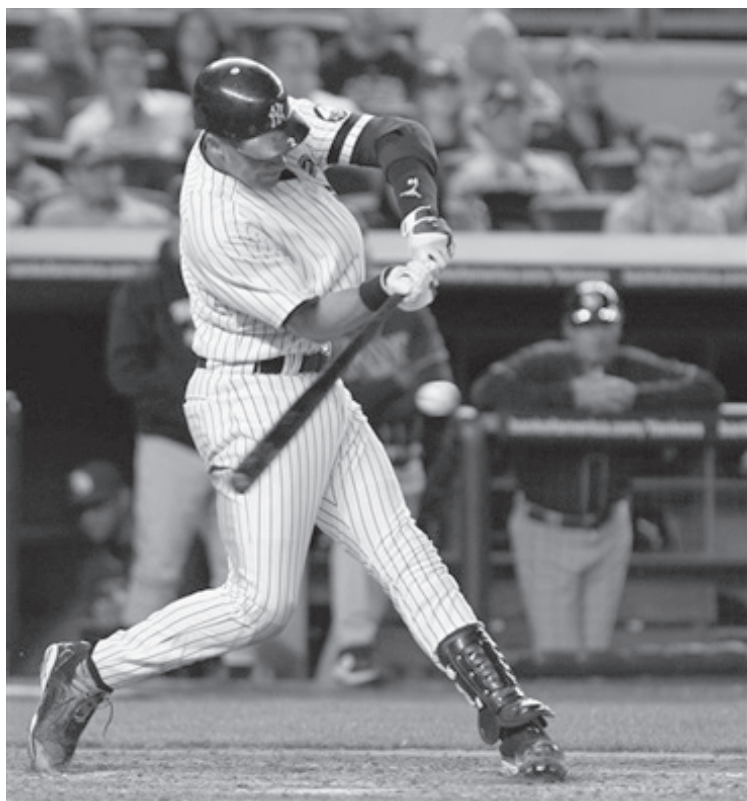


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New York Yankees' Derek Jeter connects for a sixth-inning RBI single in the Yankees' baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

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AL Roundup

Derek Jeter helps Yankees to 'monumental' win over Rays

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees helped honor George Steinbrenner with a monumental win on Monday night.

After the Yankees unveiled a huge monument to their late owner Steinbrenner, Jeter singled home the go-ahead run in the sixth inning. Curtis Granderson followed with his second home run of the night, a three-run drive that helped New York to an 8-6 victory over the second-place Tampa Bay Rays in a key AL East matchup.

Winning the opener of a four-game series that started its final homestand, New York (91-59) opened a 1½-game lead over the Rays (89-60). After Tampa rallied from a four-run deficit, Jeter's hit off Matt Garza (14-9) followed Brett Gardner's leadoff infield single and Francisco Cervelli's hit-and-run single through the vacated hole at shortstop. With New York ahead 5-4, Granderson greeted Grant Balfour with a three-run homer.

Chad Gaudin (1-4) won in relief of rookie Ivan Nova.

Twins 9, Indians 3

At Minneapolis, Danny Valencia and Michael Cuddyer hit home runs and Brian Duensing got his 10th win for the Twins.

The victory cut the Twins' magic number for winning the AL Central to three. Chicago, which is in second place, played later at Oakland.

Cuddyer's two-run shot capped the Twins' four-run sixth after the Indians had closed within 4-3 in the top of the inning.

Duensing (10-2) has allowed three runs or fewer in 10 of 11 starts this season.

Jeanmar Gomez (3-5) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings, is winless in his last six starts.

Orioles 4, Red Sox 2

At Boston, Ty Wigginton had a tiebreaking

sacrifice fly and Luke Scott followed with an RBI single in the seventh inning, lifting Baltimore over the Red Sox.

The Orioles, rejuvenated since Buck Showalter took over as manager Aug. 3, won for the 11th time 15 games. Baltimore won for just the fourth time in their last 21 games in Fenway Park.

David Hernandez (8-8) worked two innings of relief for the win.

Daisuke Matsuzaka (9-6) pitched 6 1-3 innings, allowing four runs, six hits, walking five and striking out four.

Tigers 7, Royals 5

At Detroit, Will Rhymes hit his first major league homer and Alex Avila drove in three runs and made a spectacular defensive play to lead the Tigers past Kansas City.

Detroit trailed 5-4 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, then took the lead on Rhymes' two-run homer off Zack Greinke (9-13).

Yuniesky Betancourt matched a career high with four hits for Kansas City, including a three-run homer.

Brad Thomas (6-2) earned the win with 1 2-3 innings of shutout relief. Tigers starter Rick Porcello gave up five runs and 12 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Athletics 3, White Sox 0

At Oakland, Chris Carter finally got his first major league hit as the Oakland Athletics sent the White Sox to their seventh straight loss.

Kurt Suzuki had three hits and two RBIs as the A's won their third in four games. Daric Barton also drove in a run.

In other AL games it was Detroit 7, Kansas City 5; N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 6; Baltimore 4, Boston 2; Minnesota 9, Cleveland 3; Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 0; and L.A. Angels 7, Texas 4.



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NL Roundup

Hamels goes 8 innings, Phillies beat Braves 3-1

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— The Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of an error by right fielder Jason Heyward to beat the Atlanta Braves 3-1 on Monday night, increasing their lead in the NL East to four games.

The two-time defending NL champions won their eighth straight game and improved to 42-15 since July 21, when they trailed the Braves by seven games.

Cole Hamels (12-10) allowed one run and six hits, striking out six in eight innings to win his fifth straight start — a career best. Brad Lidge finished for his 24th save in 29 chances.

Brandon Beachy (0-1) gave up three runs — one earned — and four hits in 4 1-3 innings in his major league debut. He was a late fill-in for Jair Jurrjens, still nursing a sore right knee.

The 24-year-old right-hander was at the Braves' instructional league program in Florida when he got the call to join the team.

Marlins 4, Cardinals 0

At Miami, Chris Volstad threw a five-hitter for his second career shutout and Brad Davis hit a grand slam off Chris Carpenter as Florida dealt St. Louis' dimming playoff hopes a blow.

The game was a makeup following a rainout on Aug. 8, and the teams needed only 1 hour, 52 minutes to finish — it was the fastest game in Marlins' history, by 2 minutes.

Davis' first career slam — the first by a Marlins catcher — came in the second inning, the first allowed by Carpenter (15-8) in 3,699 at-bats since June 12, 2004.

Volstad (10-9) struck out three for the Marlins, who lost the first six games of their current homestand.

The Cardinals are 12-23 since Aug. 13.

Astros 8, Nationals 2

At Washington, Humberto Quintero and Geoff Blum each homered in a seven-run fifth inning, while Bud Norris won for the seventh time in eight



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels, left, follows through on a pitch to Atlanta Braves' Martin Prado in the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 3-1.

decisions as Houston beat the mistake-prone Washington.

Norris (9-8) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. The Astros are 10-1 in his last 11 starts, with Norris going 7-1 with a 3.52 ERA during that

span.

Houston has won six of eight. Washington lost its fourth straight.

The Nationals committed three errors leading to four unearned runs in the fifth, when the

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Astros erased Washington's 2-1 lead with their highest-scoring inning of the season. Quintero's two-run homer and Blum's three-run drive both came off Livan Hernandez (10-12).

The game drew 10,999, the smallest crowd in Washington, D.C., since the Montreal Expos relocated before the 2005 season.

Reds 5, Brewers 2

At Milwaukee, Joey Votto and Scott Rolen homered on back-to-back pitches in the eighth inning to break open a tied game and lead the Cincinnati Reds to victory.

The Reds widened their lead in the National League Central to seven games over the St. Louis Cardinals, who lost 4-0 to the Florida Marlins on Monday. Cincinnati's magic number for clinching their first NL Central title since 1995 is six.

Cincinnati's Francisco Cordero pitched a perfect ninth for his 37th save in 45 chances. q

In other NL games it was Florida 4, St. Louis 0; Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1; Houston 8, Washington 2; and Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 2. □

Tests show Hamilton has 2 fractured ribs



This Sept. 9, 2010, file photo shows Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton in the dugout during a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, in Toronto.

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton, the majors' leading hitter and a top AL MVP candidate, has two fractured ribs but has not been ruled out for the season.

The injury was revealed Tuesday. Hamilton has not played for the AL West-leading Rangers since crashing into a wall while making a catch Sept. 4 at Minnesota. The outfielder had already been dealing with stiffness in his back when that happened.

Hamilton visited Dr. Robert Watkins in California for the second day in a row Tuesday. Tests found the "small stable fracture in the seventh and eighth ribs" that two previous X-rays and an MRI did not show on Monday.

General manager Jon Daniels said Hamilton was given an anti-inflammatory injection and an epidural nerve-block injection for pain.

"It is typically 48-72 hours before it's known whether this treatment has the desired effect," Daniels wrote in an e-mail. "Once the discomfort recedes to a point where Josh is comfortable, he can return to baseball activities."

Hamilton is hitting .361 with 31 home runs and 97 RBIs in 130 games.

It is not clear when Hamilton might play a game for the Rangers, who are trying to wrap up their first division title since 1999. They went into Tuesday night's game at the Los Angeles Angels with an eight-game lead over Oakland with 13 regular-season games to play.

Hamilton had two cortisone shots last week to help relieve pain in his ribs. Those shots came a day after he felt recurring pain when taking some swings in the batting cage.

Manager Ron Washington said Monday that he figured the slugger would need 25-30 at-bats to get back into his groove.

But Washington added that if Hamilton didn't get that many at-bats before the end of the regular season, "then he's just going to have to figure it out in the playoffs." □

Yankees unveil monument to George Steinbrenner

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — George Steinbrenner is now truly the biggest of the Yankees greats — as measured in Monument Park.

The colorful and combative owner was honored with the largest tribute in the team's area of remembrance behind the center-field fence. His monument of bronze atop a granite base was unveiled during a solemn ceremony Monday night attended by many of the stars he had feuded with and fawned over during his 37½-year tenure. "It's big," Derek Jeter said. "Probably just how The Boss wanted it. The biggest one out there."

Jeter was asked whether Steinbrenner would have liked that.

"No question," the Yankees captain answered. "It probably was his idea."

Former manager Joe Torre came to Steinbrenner's \$1.6 billion new Yankee Stadium for the first time, as did former captain Don Mattingly, and Torre reconciled with general manager Brian Cashman. Steinbrenner's daughters had tears in their eyes and his widow Joan unveiled the monument after being accompanied from home plate in a golf cart by baseball



The new monument to the late New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner stands after its unveiling before the Yankees' baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

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commissioner Bud Selig.

"Do I think George should be in the Hall of Fame? Of course I do," Selig said. "He changed the sport in a lot of ways." Steinbrenner died July 13 at age 80 after several years of declining health. The tribute came before the first-place Yankees opened a key series with an 8-6 win over second-place Tampa Bay, the team of his adopted hometown.

New York's tribute to Steinbrenner, titled "The

Boss," is behind smaller monuments honoring manager Miller Huggins (unveiled in 1932), Lou Gehrig (1941), Babe Ruth (1949), Mickey Mantle (1996) and Joe DiMaggio (1999). Another monument, to the victims and rescue workers of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, is on the left-field side of the area.

"A true visionary who changed the game of baseball forever," the monument reads. "He was considered the most influential

owner in all of sports. In 37 years as principal owner, the Yankees posted a major league-best .566 winning percentage, while winning 11 American League pennants and seven World Series titles, becoming the most recognizable sports brand in the world.

"A devoted sportsman, he was vice president of the United States Olympic Committee, a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame's board of directors and a member of the NCAA

Foundation board of trustees. A great philanthropist whose charitable efforts were mostly performed without fanfare, he followed a personal motto of the greatest form of charity is anonymity."

The entire team, led by Alex Rodriguez and manager Joe Girardi, walked from the dugout and up steps in center field, with Torre and Mattingly among those trailing in business attire.

They were joined by Hall of Famers Yogi Berra and Reggie Jackson, Steinbrenner's two sons and two daughters.

With a crowd looking on that included Donald Trump, Torre received the loudest cheers as he was shown three times on the giant videoboard, and Mattingly — who will succeed Torre next season as Los Angeles Dodgers manager — got the second-loudest applause.

"George is responsible for really the best years of my life professionally," said Torre, who managed the Yankees to four of their seven World Series titles under Steinbrenner. "Did we get along all the time? No. But it never lasted very long that we, you know, disagreed." Mattingly recalled how Steinbrenner dispatched a plane to Indiana for him when the first baseman's back ailed. General manager Brian Cashman remembered how Steinbrenner's mere presence upped the tension at old Yankee Stadium.

"Before text messages, Internet, cell phones and things of that nature, you didn't know what his travel schedule was. He liked to surprise people all the time," Cashman said. "You'd walk into that facility, and you could feel within two steps into the lobby that The Boss was here."

Without Steinbrenner, the Yankees' culture has changed.

"He was the ticket director, the marketing manager, the general manager, the manager in the dugout, the stadium operations guy," Cashman said. "He ran everything, and he told everybody what to do. He was the department head of it all." □

Landis defends his role in world champs conference

By NEIL FRANKLAND

AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Floyd Landis hit back at organizers of the road cycling world championships for attempting to have his invitation to an anti-doping conference revoked.

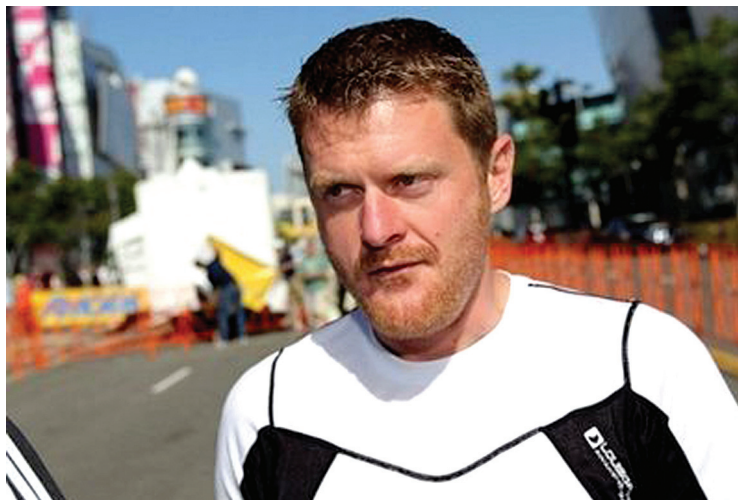
Landis, stripped of the 2006 Tour de France title because of doping, will join legal experts, scientists and academics on a panel at the New Pathways for Pro Cycling conference at Deakin University leading up to the world championships Sept. 29-Oct. 3 at Geelong.

Landis responded to criticism of his participation in the conference by saying he had no intention of using it as a "soapbox," nor did he wish to "hijack the world championships."

David Culbert, a spokesman for the championship, confirmed Monday that race organizers had withdrawn support for the Sept. 27-28 conference and again questioned the decision to include Landis on the program.

"The imprimatur of the organizing committee has been withdrawn and the conference won't be run under the auspices of the championships or part of the championships program," Culbert said.

"Floyd Landis is the subject of an ongoing U.S. federal



Disgraced American cyclist Floyd Landis (pictured in May) has slammed world road championships organisers in Australia after they withdrew their support for a conference he is listed to attend. Landis was stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title for doping and earlier this year admitted using performance-enhancing drugs.

investigation, and while that investigation is ongoing, the organizing committee does not believe it's appropriate to be lending its official title to it. But it doesn't mean the conference can't continue."

A championship spokesman condemned the university's decision to include Landis and threatened to pull support for the Sept. 27-28 conference unless the invitation was withdrawn. □



FILE - In this March 2, 2010 file photo, actor Vincent D'Onofrio attends the premiere of 'Brooklyn's Finest' in New York.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer, file)

D'Onofrio back on 'Criminal Intent' for season 10

LOS ANGELES — "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" is coming back for its tenth — and possibly last — season with former star Vincent D'Onofrio on board.

USA Network said Tuesday that D'Onofrio, who left the series after season eight, will return as police Detective Robert Goren.

"Criminal Intent," part of the "Law & Order" franchise created by Dick Wolf, started on NBC.

Eight new episodes will air in 2011 and are intended to wrap up the series, USA Network said. But a USA executive and Wolf indicated that might change.

An air date for "Criminal Intent" wasn't announced. □

Lohan satisfied after settling NYC E-Trade lawsuit

NEW YORK — A lawyer says Lindsay Lohan is "satisfied" to have resolved her \$100 million New York City lawsuit over an E-Trade television commercial featuring talking babies. Lawyer Anand Ahuja said Tuesday the "Mean Girls" movie star reached a settlement with the brokerage before withdrawing the lawsuit a day earlier. Ahuja and an E-Trade Financial Corp. spokeswoman say the terms of the agreement are confidential.

Lohan had claimed E-Trade was referring to her in a Super Bowl ad that featured babies talking about a "milkaholic" named Lindsay.

Lohan spent two weeks in jail in California this year for violating her probation in a 2007 case involving drug use and driving under the influence.

E-Trade called Lohan's claims meritless. It said Lohan isn't the world's only Lindsay. □



FILE - In this July 20, 2010 file photo, Lindsay Lohan listens during a court hearing in Beverly Hills, Calif.

(AP Photo/Al Seib, pool)

'Wall Street' sequel shows greed can still be good

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**,
AP Movie Critic Christy

Oliver Stone was making a statement on the glibly money-hungry times when his "Wall Street" came out in 1987 and, with it, the iconic figure of Gordon Gekko declaring that greed, for lack of a better word, was good.

Twenty-three years later, greed is still getting a lot of people into a lot of trouble. The entire country, in fact. And so Stone's latest, "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," is the rare sequel that not only feels relevant but necessary.

Of course, his hindsight is 20/20. Everyone's is. But here, Stone takes the economic collapse of 2008 and places Gekko — played masterfully by Michael Douglas, returning to the role that earned him an Academy Award — in the middle of it.

Having been released from federal prison after serving time for securities fraud, money laundering and racketeering, Gekko is now free to swim among even more dangerous sharks than he ever dreamed of being himself. The question becomes: How will he react? Will he use his shrewdness to try and beat them at their game, or will he actually have found a moral center during his time behind bars?

That story line alone could have provided the basis for one meaty, worthwhile movie. "Money Never Sleeps" also crams in a father-daughter story, a few different mentor-protege stories and a romance. It's big and loud and brash in an almost operatic way — and knowingly, joyfully so. For a movie about a depressing topic that we're all-too familiar with, "Money Never Sleeps" is surprisingly entertaining.

The dialogue from Allan Loeb and Stephen Schiff is biting and propulsive, and the hugely esteemed ensemble cast is a kick. Besides Douglas, who's better than ever even as a toned-down snake, Shia LaBeouf is solid as an ambitious young trader — he feels like a grown-up, finally — and the two stars have a couple of electric exchanges.

But there are plenty of showy supporting roles, as well. A beefed-up, suspended Frank Langella provides both gravitas and humor as founder of the powerful Keller Zabel Investments; he also serves as a father figure to LaBeouf's Jacob Moore. Susan Sarandon chews up the scenery as Jacob's tacky, talkative mother, a former nurse who's been enjoying the good life as a high-end Long Island real estate agent. And Josh Brolin is a formidable villain as Bretton James, a billionaire partner at



In this film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, Michael Douglas portrays Gordon Gekko, left, and Shia LaBeouf portrays Jake Moore in a scene from, 'Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.'

(AP Photo/20th Century Fox, Barry Wetcher)

a rival investment bank who ruins Keller Zabel with rumors of debt, then arranges a brutal takeover. Just listening to him describe why he has a particular Goya painting in his office is intimidating.

Most of the time, simply through the sheer enormity and force of this juggernaut, it all works. "Money Never Sleeps" looks fantastic — the work of Oscar-nominated cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto ("Brokeback Mountain," "Broken Embraces") — with its shimmering aerial shots of Manhattan. The place rises from the Hudson River like Oz, an idealized, bustling city of endless possibility (although Stone didn't need to add split screens and tickers running through skyscrapers to magnify the sense of movement). Every sleek high-rise office and modern loft offers dazzling views; every character is expensively dressed. As if there weren't enough ego and testosterone bursting through, Jacob and Bretton even race Ducati motorcycles through the fall foliage to escape the reality of the stock market plummeting.

Yes, it's over-the-top like that. But fun — for a while. Eventually, "Money Never Sleeps" goes soft and loses its way. The romantic subplot between Jacob and Gekko's estranged daughter Winnie, of all people, feels needless, even though it does allow for the radiant presence of Carey Mulligan. It also raises some questions: As Gekko himself so astutely wonders, if Winnie hates her father so much, why would she get involved with a man who does the exact same thing, which she found so reprehensible? Jacob's dream of funding an alternative-energy company is intended to redeem him somewhat, but really, he gets that same gleam in his eyes when it comes to the prospect of getting rich.

And what happens in the last couple of scenes especially stands as a stark and almost laughable contrast to where these characters began and what they're supposedly made of. Then again, as the song goes, money changes everything.

"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG-13 for brief strong language and thematic elements. Running time: 133 minutes. Three stars out of four. □





Prototype vaginal gel fails to block HIV: study



HIV protection gel for women is pictured during the 18th International AIDS Conference in Vienna in July 2010. A vaginal gel failed to protect women against the AIDS virus, doctors said on Monday, reporting on a major clinical trial that enrolled more than 9,000 women.

PARIS — A vaginal gel failed to protect women against the AIDS virus, doctors said on Monday, reporting on a major clinical trial that enrolled more than 9,000 women.

The formula, known as PRO 2000, was tested in a Phase

III trial, the widest and most exhaustive stage of the process to assess a new drug for safety and effectiveness.

AIDS campaigners have staked huge faith in the search for a vaginally-used gel to thwart the human immunodeficiency

virus (HIV). It would revolutionise the fight on AIDS by empowering women, especially in African countries where coercive sex is a problem. The first breakthrough in this quest was announced in July at the 18th International AIDS Conference in Vienna.

Scientists reported that a cream tested in a Phase IIb trial in South Africa called CAPRISA 004 cut the risk of HIV infection by 39 percent overall, and by 54 percent among those women who used it most consistently.

This level of protection may not be enough to make the CAPRISA gel get approval, however.

The cream incorporates tenofovir, a drug commonly used in tablet form to quell HIV by disrupting its reproduction

in immune cells. The PRO 2000 formula is different, being a so-called large charged polymer, which is intended to disrupt HIV's interaction with targeted cells.

It was tested at two levels of concentration, of two percent and 0.5 percent, in 13 clinics in South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia in a trial that was closely monitored for ethical standards.

Volunteers were women who were aged 18 years or older, were sexually active and did not have HIV. They were given either the gel or an inactive dummy cream called a placebo. All were given counselling on safe sex and access to condoms.

Their HIV status was then tested at 12 weeks, 24 weeks, 40 weeks and 52 weeks after starting with the product.

PRO 2000 was found to be safe but ineffective, according to the report card, published online by The Lancet.

"Safety-related events were rare and at similar rates in all three groups... (but) HIV-1 incidence was much the same between groups at study end," it said. In an important detail, use of the gel -- a big challenge in microbicides -- was high. Eighty-nine percent of the women said they used it prior to intercourse.

Twenty-five million people have been killed by AIDS and more than 33 million others today are infected by HIV, which causes the disease.

More than two-thirds of these live in sub-Saharan Africa, where 60 percent of the estimated 1.9 million new infections in 2008 occurred among women and girls. □

Childhood Obesity Might Be Linked to Strain of Cold Virus

By Serena Gordon

At least part of the blame for childhood obesity might be traced to a unexpected cause -- a certain strain of the virus that causes the common cold.

New research shows that youngsters who were infected by adenovirus 36, which causes the common cold and slight gastrointestinal upset, were an average of 50 pounds heavier than children who hadn't been infected by this particular strain.

"Obesity and body weight regulation is far more complex than is typically discussed, and these data support the idea that a viral infection could be one important cause of obesity," said study senior author Dr. Jeffrey B. Schwimmer, director of the weight and wellness program at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego.

This study doesn't, however, suggest that people should give up on healthy eating and exercise. "Regardless of the extent to which this impacts body weight, there's no question that eating healthfully and having regular, fun physical activity is good for you. The reason we care about these behaviors is improving health," said Schwimmer.

What Schwimmer does hope the findings will do is get people to "move away from assigning blame, and broaden the way we think about obesity. Currently, there's a somewhat simplistic belief that obesity is just a person's own fault, or in the case of children, the fault of the family. But, that's an overly

simplistic view, and it's not helpful," he said.

Other studies, done in animals and human adults, have already shown an association between viral infections and obesity, but the exact relationship between those factors still isn't well known, according to Schwimmer.

The current study included 124 children between the ages of 8 and 18. Sixty-two percent of the children were Hispanic, 27 percent were white and 11 percent were black. Fifty-six percent were male. More than half of the children -- 67 -- were considered obese based on their body-mass measurements for their age and gender.

Fifteen percent of the children had antibodies to adenovirus 36 (AD36), which means that at some point, they had been infected with this virus. Schwimmer said this particular strain of adenovirus was first identified in the 1980s.

Almost one in four (22 percent) obese children tested positive for AD36 compared to just 7 percent of the non-obese children. On average, children who were positive for a previous adenovirus 36 infection were about 50 pounds heavier than those who tested negative.

Even within the entire group of obese children, those who were AD36-positive weighed about 35 pounds more than obese children who hadn't been infected with AD36.

Results of the study appear in the Sept. 20 online

issue of Pediatrics.

If the association proves true, Schwimmer said that a vaccine could be developed against AD36 that might help prevent obesity -- although that's still a long way off. In addition, he said, for those who've already been infected with AD36, knowing that there's a potential viral cause might eventually lead to changes in the way certain people are treated for obesity. "That knowledge might lead to more aggressive measures earlier on if we see someone isn't losing weight as well," said Schwimmer, who added that his study was the first of its kind. He believes the findings raise more questions than they answer when it comes to optimal treatments for obesity.

For his part, Dr. Goutham Rao, clinical director of the Weight Management and Wellness Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, said the findings bring up the "age-old chicken or egg problem -- Does this virus disrupt certain pathways and cause obesity? Or, do obese kids tend to have this virus more often?"

In addition, he noted that the number of children with the infection was relatively small -- just 19 kids.

"People want a magic solution," Rao said, "but unfortunately we don't have one. What people can do is focus on a child's behaviors and eliminate the unhealthy behaviors." □

Throat's Door

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The word thyroid comes from the Greek "thura" which means "door," which is what the thyroid looks like. Your thyroid gland is the largest endocrine gland and is situated in the front of the neck. Your thyroid gland secretes iodine-rich hormones thyroxine and triiodothyronine which regulate your metabolism rate; but its effects are felt all over the body.

Thyroid glands that are not functioning optimally produce a myriad of symptoms. Many people experience unexplained cold hands and feet, low body temperature, sensitivity to cold, a feeling of always being chilled, headaches, insomnia, dry skin and hair, puffy eyes, hair loss, brittle nails, joint aches, constipation, mental dullness, fatigue, frequent infections, PMS symptoms, hoarse voice, ringing in the ears, dizziness, depression, fluid retention, anxiety and panic attacks, allergies, asthma, acne, skin hives, loss of libido, and weight gain, which is sometimes uncontrollable. In fact, an insufficiently nourished thyroid might be a major cause of weight problems, especially among women, in the West today.

Research indicates that up to 10 percent of Westerners have a thyroid problem that has most likely gone unrecognized. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms above your doctor could send you to check

your thyroid function through a blood test. Unfortunately, the test results may not be accurate. This is because test "averages" do not show how all of us are unique. Your individual thyroid hormone levels are not like anyone else's.

Thyroid tests will not give you an accurate indication of your ideal thyroid hormone level, because they are missing a critical piece of information which is your peak thyroid level when you were young and healthy. Should your thyroid test results indicate that you are in the "normal" range...say 5.5...but when you were younger you would have tested at a 9, then indeed, your thyroid is quite under active for you. At 5.5 you may feel very tired yet your doctor will tell you that your test results are "normal."

You can only truly compare you with you, and not a range of others. It would be ideal if we were tested when we were in our late teens and twenties and our peak levels were recorded at the topmost physical time in our life. Then, as we age, we could test ourselves again to ensure that our hormone levels remain at this peak level.

The second reason that the tests are often inaccurate is because they only show what your thyroid hormone levels are on the day of testing. Your thyroid is a "tricky" organ to both diagnose and treat since its hormone levels fluctuate

all the time. What you eat each day has a tremendous and immediate impact on it, and how much hormone it secretes.

A third reason for their inaccuracy is that the tests do not indicate if your thyroid hormone is actually entering your cells. Your thyroid may be manufacturing plenty of hormone but your cells can become resistant to the hormone and not able to utilize it. This condition is called Wilson's Syndrome. If you have low body temperature and some of the symptoms listed above you could have this condition.

In our clinic we see a lot of hypo or low functioning thyroids. The first solution is to put our patients on their metabolic or blood type food list. Because of today's diet, people will likely never experience outstanding thyroid health, unless they are encouraged to change their eating habits.

Your thyroid can be nourished better with a diet that includes the good fats (olive oil, pumpkinseed oil, real, unsalted butter, cod liver oil, and egg yolks) and mineral-rich foods (dark green leafy vegetables, sea salt and ocean veggies). Supplements that help in building a strong thyroid are kelp and selenium.

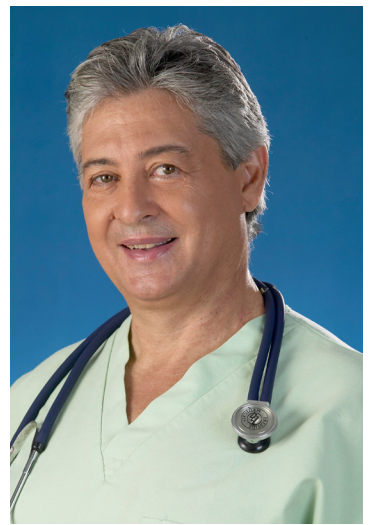
Most thyroid patients are women and many with low progesterone are often misdiagnosed as thyroid

deficiency. Thyroid and sex hormones each affect the other. We often attend women with bulging eyes, racing heartbeat, and a swollen neck by naturally stimulating their progesterone production. Adding zinc to your daily supplement routine is important for sexual health.

Irregular periods, often leading to needless hysterectomies, are unfortunate common aspects of hypothyroidism; and breast disease. Too little thyroid production may cause increased prolactin levels and persistent estrogen stimulation.

Prolactin is the hormone that stimulates the production of breast milk. Levels rise normally during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Abnormal changes in prolactin production can slow or stop your menstruation and you may find that you are producing milk from your breasts when you are not pregnant.

Get The Point! Your thyroid may not be working at its optimum if you are experiencing some of the symptoms mentioned above. If the guardian in your throat isn't handling the job anymore, maybe it's time for a change of guard. Take control of your health by opening the door to diet and lifestyle changes. Don't settle for "averages." We are all different; we offer specialized hormone and other testing. Let us prepare a personal plan to fortify your



health.

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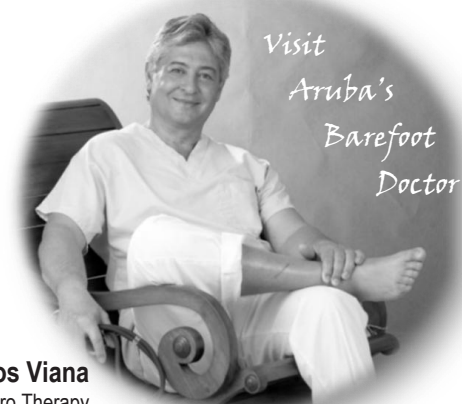
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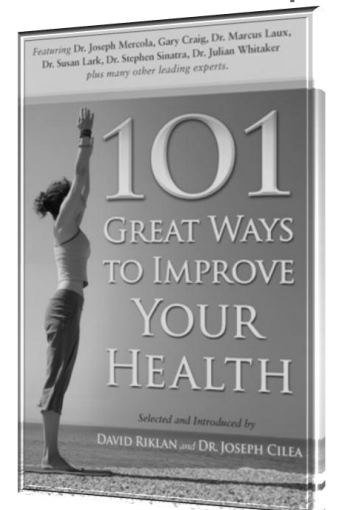
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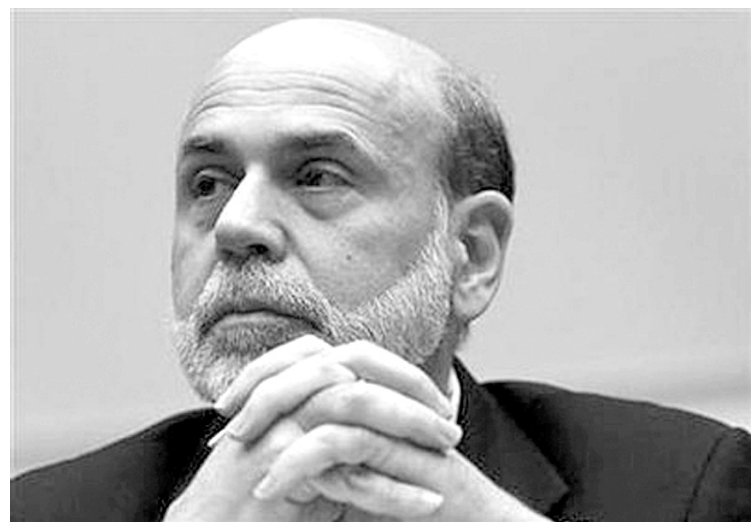
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Fed lays groundwork for possible further stimulus

By Mark Felsenthal

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Tuesday inched closer to fresh steps to bolster a sluggish U.S. recovery, saying it stood ready to provide more support for the economy and expressing stronger concerns about low inflation.

The U.S. central bank's policy-setting panel opened the door wider to pumping hundreds of billions of new dollars into the economy, although it made no policy shift at the end of a one-day meeting, keeping overnight interest rates near zero.

"The committee ... is prepared to provide additional accommodation if needed to support the economic recovery and to return inflation, over time, to levels consistent with its mandate," it said in a statement.

After its last meeting on August 10, the Federal Open Market Committee had simply said it would "employ its policy tools as necessary."

"The FOMC now has a very explicit easing bias," JPMorgan economist Michael Feroli wrote in a note to clients. "The Fed is now admitting that they are not hitting the inflation mandate, clearly not hitting the employment mandate and -- with subpar growth forecasted for the near term -- not even moving in the right direction."

The Fed underscored its concerns over easing price pressures in its statement by explicitly stating for the first time that core inflation was running below levels at which policymakers are comfortable.

"With substantial resource slack continuing to restrain cost pressures and longer-term inflation expectations stable, inflation is likely to remain subdued for some time," it said.

U.S. Treasury debt prices surged after the statement, with the yield on the two-year note hitting a series of record lows, and the dollar fell sharply as investors speculated about further easing as soon as the Fed's next meeting on November 2-3.

Gold prices, which have jumped about 17 percent this year on concerns that efforts to prop up the U.S. economy will fuel inflation, jumped to a fresh record high.

On Wall Street, U.S. stock prices ended flat to lower in an erratic session. □

Stocks mixed as Fed leaves door open for stimulus

By STEPHEN BERNARD,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks got a brief bump following word that the Federal Reserve is ready to do more to help the economy, but ended mostly lower Tuesday after the central bank disappointed some investors by not taking any bold new actions.

Treasury prices rallied as investors saw the Fed's announcement as a signal that more bond purchases were on the way.

The Fed said it is concerned that inflation is below levels consistent with a healthy economy and indicated that it is ready to provide "additional accommodation" to support the recovery. That would mean more purchases of Treasuries or other kinds of debt, which would keep interest rates low and hopefully encourage borrowing.

"They left themselves as much room as they possibly could," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management. "In the bond world, the coast is clear for buyers."

Treasuries rose sharply after the Fed's announcement, sending interest rates lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell sharply to 2.58 percent from 2.70 percent the day before, while its price jumped \$1.03 to \$100.34. The yield is a common benchmark for setting interest rates on corporate debt and mortgages.

The Fed's statement, which came after a one-day meeting of its interest rate committee, had only a temporary effect on stocks. Hopes had been building that Tuesday would bring news of a specific new bond-purchasing program, and disappointment ensued



John Urbanowicz, left, of Barclays Capital works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, in New York.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams)

when one didn't materialize. Stocks had been trading lower ahead of the Fed's announcement and rallied briefly after the news came out. A late slump erased most of the day's advance from broad market indicators, while the Dow Jones industrial average, which tracks 30 large companies, ended with a meager gain.

The Dow rose 7.41, or 0.1 percent, to close at 10,761.03. It's still up 7.5 percent for September, an unusually large gain for a month that is historically weak for stocks. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 2.93, or 0.3 percent, to 1,139.78, while the Nasdaq composite fell 6.48, also 0.3 percent, to 2,349.35. The weakness in broader indexes suggested that a three-week rally on the stock market may be losing steam as stocks start to look expensive to some investors. The S&P 500 is still up 8.6 percent for the month, while the Nasdaq is up even more, at 11.1 percent.

Tom Porcelli, head of U.S. market economics at the Royal Bank of Canada, said there's now a good chance the Fed will decide to add more debt to

its books at the next meeting of its rate-setting committee on Nov. 2. But another round of bond buying by the Fed may offer the economy little help, he argued. The last round of Fed purchases had the effect of lowering lending rates by a half a percentage point.

Now, a move by the Fed would have probably less of an impact. Borrowing rates are cheap but borrowing is still weak. "The fact remains that the economic backdrop is the driver of lending not low rates," Porcelli said in a note to clients after the announcement.

In corporate news, steep discounts and higher costs drove ConAgra Foods Inc.'s fiscal first-quarter profit lower. Shares of the company, which owns the Chef Boyardee and Peter Pan foods brands, fell 80 cents, or 3.6 percent, to \$21.57.

Cruise line operator Carnival Corp. reported a 22 percent jump in quarterly profits as demand was strong during the summer. It also raised its full-year earnings outlook well above analysts' forecasts. Shares rose 51 cents to \$37.57. □

Crocodiles escape Mexican refuge after hurricane

MEXICO CITY – At least 280 crocodiles have escaped from a Mexican refuge near the Gulf of Mexico after heavy flooding caused by Hurricane Karl, Mexican media said Tuesday. The endangered Morelet crocodiles were on the roam in six coastal areas in the Mexican state of Veracruz and residents were told not to try to capture or kill them, El Economista reported. The governor of Veracruz told reporters about 280 crocodiles were missing from the reserve in La Antigua, although some media put the number of reptiles at closer to 400. Morelet crocodiles can grow to nearly 10 feet and are found in freshwater swamps, lakes and rivers, and the brackish coastal waters of eastern Mexico, Belize and Guatemala. Federal authorities from the agency charged with environmental protection said crocodile experts would be sent to the region to try to recapture the animals. At least 15 people were killed and thousands displaced by the hurricane, which ripped through the Yucatan peninsula and slammed into Mexico's Gulf coast this past weekend. □

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Utility company near L.A. finds fossil trove up to 1.4M years old



While preparing to build a new substation in an arid canyon southeast of Los Angeles, Southern California Edison has stumbled on a trove of animal fossils dating back 1.4 million years that researchers say will fill in blanks in Southern California's history. This undated photo provided by Southern California Edison shows a fossil of saber cat tooth biting a horse near Riverside, Calif.

(AP Photo/Southern California Edison)

By GILLIAN FLACCUS, RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A utility company preparing to build a new substation in an arid canyon southeast of Los Angeles has stumbled on a trove of animal fossils dating back 1.4 million years that researchers say will fill in blanks in Southern California's history. The well-preserved cache contains nearly 1,500 bone fragments, including a giant

cat that was the ancestor of the saber-toothed tiger, ground sloths the size of a modern-day grizzly bear, two types of camels and more than 1,200 bones from small rodents. Other finds include a new species of deer, horse and possibly llama, researchers affiliated with the project said.

Workers doing grading for the substation also uncovered signs of plant life that indicate birch, pine, sycamore, marsh reeds and oak trees once grew in the area that is now dry and sparsely vegetated.

The fossils representing 35 species have all been removed from the site and will be on display at the Western Science Center in nearby Hemet starting next year.

The bones are about 1 million years older than those found in the famous La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles, said Rick Greenwood, a microbiologist who also is director of corporate environment health and safety for the utility, Southern California Edison.

"If you step back, this is just a huge find," he said. "Everyone talks about the La Brea Tar Pits, but I think this is going to be much larger in terms of its scientific value to the research community."

Greenwood continued: "Some of the things I personally find fascinating are the prehistoric camels and llamas and horses and deer. I don't think most people even have the concept that those types of animals

were roaming around here more than a million years ago."

San Diego Museum of Natural History paleontologist Tom Demere said the fossil trove cannot be directly compared to the La Brea Tar Pits because they contain different species and shed light on different eras. Nevertheless, he said the collection could advance scientists' understanding of life in Southern California 1.4 million years ago.

"We have a fuzzy view of what this time period was like in terms of mammal evolution," Demere said. "A discovery like this -- when they're all found together and in a whole range of sizes -- could really be an important contribution."

[Just what are fossils, exactly?]

The fossils were found in San Timoteo Canyon in a part of the ancient river valley about 85 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The region is now arid and dusty and shadowed by the San Bernardino Mountains to the north, but it was lush more than a million years ago, said Philippe Lapin, an archaeologist for the utility.

The dig started last fall and wrapped up this summer. Southern California Edison spokeswoman Lauren Bartlett said the substation project is moving forward, with completion expected in mid-2011.

[How and where to find fossils near you]

Paleontologists studying the dig site believe so many skeletons were preserved because a muddy lake bed



While preparing to build a new substation in an arid canyon southeast of Los Angeles, Southern California Edison has stumbled on a trove of animal fossils dating back 1.4 million years that researchers say will fill in blanks in Southern California's history. This undated photo provided by Southern California Edison shows a Saber tooth Fossil found in the area near Riverside, Calif.

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All the bones have been dated to the Irvingtonian period, which spanned 1.8 million to 300,000 years ago. The bones found in Riverside County were dated by observing the layers of sediment they were found in and fall at about 1.4 million years ago, experts said.

Fossils from this period have been dug up from dozens of sites around California, some more well-preserved than others. □

Labores rescate mineros Chile concluirían en octubre

SANTIAGO/COPIAPO (Reuters) - Las labores de rescate de los 33 mineros atrapados hace casi 50 días en Chile concluirían en octubre, ante un avance más rápido en una de las perforaciones, dijo a Reuters una alta fuente ligada a las tareas de sondaje.

El mayor optimismo en la operación de salvataje de los operarios atrapados, a unos 700 metros de profundidad en una mina del norte del país, ocurre luego de que una máquina perforadora de petróleo de la estatal ENAP realizó el lunes un pozo de 23 metros en sólo cuatro horas.

“Es factible que el rescate sea en octubre sinó hay contratiempos, imponderables”, dijo la fuente. No obstante, el sondaje de la máquina petrolera se detuvo para que sea encamisado (reforzado) antes de continuar



Banderas chilenas acompañan a los mineros atrapados en la mina San José en Copiapó. REUTERS/Luis Hidalgo

con su perforación, dijeron “Cuando perforemos los a estar en condiciones de primeros 200 metros ahí voy decir más o menos el tiempo

estimado”, dijo Juan Carlos Marin, un trabajador argentino de la empresa a cargo de las perforaciones de la máquina petrolera.

“Ojalá, ojalá, si es así en siete días terminamos, no?”, agregó al ser consultado por el ritmo de trabajo logrado en cuatro horas. En el Gobierno, que originalmente había estimado para noviembre el rescate, están “esperanzados” de que las labores concluyan antes de lo previsto, dijo el presidente chileno, Sebastián Piñera.

En una de las operaciones de rescate subterráneo más complejas que se han realizado, ingenieros taladran sucesivamente agujeros más anchos usando tres perforadoras para alcanzar a los mineros, atrapados en un túnel luego de un derrumbe ocurrido el 5 de agosto. □

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